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Lethbridge Construction Association shows united commitment to Lethbridge College with \$100,000 gift

April 19, 2016 – Individual members of the <u>Lethbridge Construction Association</u> (LCA) have shown their commitment to Lethbridge College on countless occasions over the last decades. Today, the organization as a whole is continuing that show of support with a \$100,000 gift to benefit trades and technologies instruction at the college.

"The planning and foundation that LCA members and boards have set in place over the years gives us this opportunity to invest in the future workforce of the trades in southern Alberta," says LCA President Nathan Neudorf of Ward Bros. Construction.

The generous gift will create the Lethbridge Construction Association classroom, which will be located in phase two of Lethbridge College's trades and technologies facility.

For more than 60 years, the Lethbridge Construction Association has worked together to benefit its members by ensuring the continued success and growth of the industry and the region. Nearly 250 companies are members of the LCA and together they employ more than 3,000 workers. The LCA relies heavily on graduates and apprenticeship training from a wide variety of Lethbridge College programs.

"If you walked into the office of almost any Lethbridge Construction Association member, odds are you would find someone working there who has come through the college," says Lethbridge College President and CEO Dr. Paula Burns. "The strength of the LCA creates a climate where our grads and apprentices can thrive, and we are thankful for the association's show of support to the training we provide."

While this donation comes from the LCA as a whole, individual member companies have long partnered with Lethbridge College, contributing more than \$1 million previously in support to programs which help sustain their industry. They have also been involved in a wide variety of projects on-campus, including construction of the new trades and technologies facility.

"The need for skilled trades and a highly trained workforce is constantly in demand," says Neudorf. "And this facility will play a crucial role in that development for not only the city of Lethbridge and southern Alberta, but as far reaching as the province and country."

The first phase of the new facility welcomed apprenticeship students last August and officially opened on Sept. 30. When completed in 2017, the new trades and technologies facility will be the largest centre of its kind south of Calgary and will house students in nine skilled trades, including a brand new Plumbing program made possible by the increased space, and four technology programs.

The Lethbridge Construction Association formed in 1954 and works to meet the ever growing challenges of commercial construction. Dedicated to quality, integrity and professionalism, the LCA is proud to continue its vision of being the voice of the construction industry.

For more information on the <u>new trades and technologies facility</u> and the <u>Possibilities are Endless campaign</u>, visit the <u>Lethbridge College website</u>.