



Niagara Digital Campus Technology Education Center

Educating, Training and Supporting Niagara Falls' Technology Workforce

In conjunction with the \$1.48 billion state-of-the-art Niagara Digital Campus data center development in downtown Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls Redevelopment (NFR) and Urbacon will create the Niagara Digital Campus Technology Education Center: an innovative hub for high-tech learning, **offering education, training, and other programming to area students of all levels** in order to facilitate understanding of, and opportunities in, data center operations, cloud computing and related fields.

Jobs in data centers and related industries are **not just for college graduates**. Quality jobs will be available for Niagara Falls residents at all levels of educational attainment—with skilled trade positions central to data center operation. Moreover, the majority of these jobs are on-site, with 24/7 operations 365 days a year—promoting a vibrant and active downtown community.

NFR plans to work closely with schools, educators and other members of the community to design the center and ensure its offerings maximize the value to Niagara Falls residents.

The Digital Education Center will offer interactive exhibits, educational videos and presentations, computer training, tours and other programming to foster understanding of how data is stored, protected and used in our modern information economy.



In addition to more than 5,600 construction jobs, when completed the Niagara Digital Campus is projected to create more than 500 permanent jobs at all skill levels: from computer engineers and technicians, skilled tradespeople in energy and telecommunications (including cutting-edge fiber optics), managers, security and service personnel. From high school graduates to those with advance degrees,

the Niagara Digital Campus will offer jobs and opportunities focused on the future.

And the Niagara Digital Campus Technology Education Center will give these students a start: with hands-on learning and experience so they can participate fully in the modern information economy.

"Most students don't realize when they stream a video, take a picture or store a document that data physically lives somewhere—and it needs to be stored securely and

accessed quickly in an efficient and environmentally sustainable manner," Roger Trevino of NFR said. "Through our Technology Education Center, we'll show area students a side of the tech revolution they don't know about—but one that will create career-track jobs and economic opportunity for area residents for generations."



Additional Benefits

In addition, the Niagara Digital Campus Technology Education Center will facilitate the following benefits to Niagara Falls schools and residents:

- **Scholarships:** NFR will sponsor scholarships for Niagara Falls students at all levels in information technology and STEM-related fields, with a focus on networking, data storage and operations.
- **Broadband Access:** High-speed broadband will be flowing right into the heart of the city for data center tenants— this enhances broadband and will be available for area schools and others in the community as well.
- **Technology Speakers Bureau:** With broad connections in technology and related fields, NFR will sponsor speakers and programs at area schools to provide insider knowledge on career opportunities for students at all levels.
- **Partnerships:** NFR will foster partnerships with colleges and universities in Western New York—including the State University of New York at Buffalo, Niagara University and others—to develop programs and training for Niagara Falls students in networking, information technology and data center management.



We need your support to make the Niagara Digital Campus a reality! Working together, we have an opportunity to bring high-tech jobs and career-track opportunity to students at Niagara Falls schools – in a manner that will not only prepare them for a job, but that will foster generational change for all members of the Niagara Falls community.

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