COLLEGE SERVICE AREA
Lee College in Baytown, Texas, is located in East Harris County, less than 30 miles from downtown Houston, the nation’s fourth largest city. Baytown is near the Port of Houston, Hobby Airport, the Texas Medical Center, and one of the world’s largest concentrations of petrochemical plant complexes.

Lee College serves a geographical area of more than 280,000 residents that includes the Goose Creek, Anahuac, Barbers Hill, Crosby, Dayton, Devers, East Chambers, Hardin, Huffman, Hull-Daisetta, and Liberty Independent School Districts.

COLLEGE EMERGING AS PREMIER WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER
With partnerships with many of the nation’s largest petrochemical companies and close proximity to the renowned Texas Medical Center, Lee College is gaining a reputation as one of the nation’s foremost workforce training centers, as well as a well-respected community college known for its high achievements in student success.

To improve its service and capacity to business and industry, the college opened a new Center for Workforce and Community Development in early 2013, streamlining the college’s workforce training operations.

The new center will coordinate the college’s services to business and industry through employee training, employee assessment and testing, employment services, economic development leadership, customized internship opportunities, and small business consultation, research and planning. It will also offer noncredit workforce certification and training programs for high demand occupations.

VOTERS approve $40 million bond referendum
By a 72-percent margin, voters in the college district voted on Saturday, May 11, 2013, to approve the sale of $40 million in revenue bonds, the largest bond proposal and the largest margin of victory in the college’s 79-year history.

Included in current plans:

- **Workforce Training**
  Upgrading and modernizing workforce program labs on the Lee College campus and increasing capacity to accommodate expanded enrollments. Relocating some workforce programs and adding new workforce programs to the McNair Center on I-10.

- **Nursing and Allied Health**
  Upgrading classes/labs and increasing capacity for the nursing and allied health programs. New programs, such as Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy, will be added.

- **Student Support**
  Upgrading Rundell Hall, including a “one-stop shop” for students, a University Center where students can attend classes leading to a bachelor’s degree (or higher), and a Testing Center.

- **Campus-Wide Improvements**
  Upgrades and the demolition of older buildings, along with the relocation of several technical programs, will free up space for future growth and add 200 or more parking spaces.

2013 Lee College Commencement
With standing room crowds overflowing the college’s Sports Arena, Lee College regents and administrators awarded more than 500 associate degrees and certificates to graduates on Saturday, May 11.

LEE COLLEGE MAKING NEWS
The college is gaining a national reputation for workforce training, especially in the petrochemical industry. The college was featured as the “front cover story” in the May edition of *Bay Area Houston* magazine, and in a full-page article in a special edition of *USA Today*. In previous months, Lee College’s workforce initiatives have been covered in *Build Houston*, a magazine to the region’s construction industry.

The *Bay Area Houston* article told the story of the anticipated impact petrochemical plant expansions will have on Baytown, and the college’s plans to address rapidly increasing workforce training needs caused by the expansions.