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Seven community colleges receive 3D donation from BRAC Regional Task Force

Generous support from the BRAC Regional Task Force has resulted in seven community colleges within the region taking delivery of an entirely new method of instruction using a Portable 3D Theatre system.

“Providing seven Portable 3D Theatre systems to our regional community colleges is a very big step in expanding the reach of the All American Center for Workforce Innovation,” said John Harbison, deputy director of the BRAC Regional Task Force. “The 3D technology will be an important component in transforming the regional workforce through the creation of higher skill/ higher wage jobs.

“Our community colleges will benefit from this technology by creating a hands-on, stimulating learning environment so that students and faculty can better communicate their ideas and innovations,” he said.

With interactive 3D capability, professors can teach using visual learning objects, immersive learning modules and simulation based learning.

An i3D Education Symposium was held last week at Fayetteville Technical Community College where the portable systems were delivered to: Bladen Community College, Central Carolina Community College, Montgomery Community College, Richmond Community College, Robeson Community College, Sampson Community College and Sandhills Community College.

The symposium was structured as a training session for representatives from each of the community colleges so they could learn how to use the portable system, which is configured to present traditional 2D images or 3D stereoscopic presentations.

“School officials were able to learn how to use the system and all of its components,” said Dave Brown, senior developer for NavTech/Navigator Development Group Inc., a service disabled veteran-owned small

business. NavTech designed the portable theatres and its parent company Navigator provides 3D content builders for FTCC's Advanced Visualization and Interactive Design Center.

Each fully integrated audio, visual and computer solution system is designed to be user friendly. "It's built so that any professor can check it out of the library, roll it to their classroom and set it up within 10 minutes to teach class using 3D images," he said.

In addition, the colleges will have access to a Web site where they can request specific 3D content from FTCC.

"Because students have the added benefit of realistic learning experience with 3D, they will be able to understand the subject matter faster and remember it longer," said David Patterson, director of Interactive Solutions for Navigator. "Studies have shown learning is improved using visuals."

For more information on the i3D program, visit www.i3dtrain.com.