Reorganized PTTC Continues Its Mission To Serve Independents

On Sept. 30, the Petroleum Technology Transfer Council and the National Energy Technology Laboratory contractually parted ways. This milestone represents the end of a 20-year plus relationship with the Department of Energy.

In that time, PTTC has greatly impacted the independent oil and gas industry across the country. In our first 10 years, we made more than 98,000 personal contacts through our regional and national offices. During its first 20 years, PTTC has presented more than 1,800 technology-related workshops totaling 11,000 instruction hours, produced for more than 90,000 industry professionals. Each workshop was designed and priced to be accessible to virtually anyone, and locations spanned from the largest metropolitan areas to the furthest reaches of the oil patch.

Every workshop and PTTC initiative has been designed specifically to enhance production, improve environmental awareness, and save money. Over the years, we have been extremely successful.

PTTC also has developed strong relationships with multiple universities, geological surveys, and engineering trade organizations. Each of these connections has allowed PTTC to access some of the best and brightest the industry has to offer, and consequently, we have been able to provide many industry participants that same access through our workshops and outreach. Quality, cost effective workshops have been our hallmark, and these relationships have helped foster a rich learning environment aimed at the continued success of the U.S. oil and gas industry. Many of those relationships are still active and are a key component to fulfilling the PTTC mission.

In addition, our regional lead organizations have been a critical link in fulfilling PTTC’s objectives. Years ago, these organizations were supported by DOE through PTTC. However, the five remaining regional lead directors believe so strongly in PTTC’s objectives that they have continued to move the PTTC mission forward in spite of zero regional funding during the past several years.

So, what happens now? I am proud to say it is business as usual at PTTC.

The PTTC Board has agreed unanimously that continuing our mission and objectives is a key component to serving the overall needs of the oil and gas industry. In fact, PTTC is in the process of developing several initiatives designed to grow our impact across the country. That said, we have revised our strategy and streamlined our executive team to accommodate these initiatives.

In the coming months, you will see information about several new PTTC workshops and initiatives as well as a call for support. Among the initiatives will be reviving our regional advisory boards, which in the past played a key role in developing timely industry topics as well as influencing the overall direction of the organization.

I encourage anyone who has ever benefitted from a PTTC-organized event, workshop, website, newsletter, seminar or partnership to show his support. The easiest way to provide support is by simply attending a PTTC event. However, we always encourage higher levels of involvement. Feel free to contact me directly or your regional lead to learn more about how you can help PTTC continue to serve the independent oil and gas industry.

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