

## PGW shares expertise to develop new training program for local natural gas industry jobs.

PGW President and CEO Craig White recently joined partners from industry and academia to launch the new **Gas Distribution Pipeline Mechanic Introduction Program** at Delaware County Community College. Working with companies like PECO, Henkels & McCoy and Utility Line Services, PGW gave its time and expertise to a five-county collegiate economic development consortium that hopes the new training program will help develop a skilled, local natural gas workforce.

The consortium is made of higher education institutions including Drexel University and the Community College of Philadelphia. Delaware County Community College will be the first member to offer the training initiative.

“Philadelphia Gas Works has been preparing for the future of the natural gas industry for some time,” White explained. “We have a domestic supply of natural gas right here in Pennsylvania that can attract jobs, support families and lift the regional economy for generations to come.”

**The Gas Distribution Pipeline Mechanic Introduction Program** gives students the



*Outside Delaware County Community College's Advanced Technology Center, members of the collaborative that created the new program include, from left: Mark Andranka, PECO senior engineer; Craig White, president and CEO of Philadelphia Gas Works; DCCC President Dr. Jerry Parker and Dean of Workforce Development and Community Education Dr. Karen Kozachyn; Mike Innocenzo, PECO's senior vice president and COO; and Frank Carey, executive director of the Delaware County Workforce Development Board.*

fundamental skills necessary for entry-level employment in the natural gas distribution industry. Students will learn how to install and maintain pipelines for natural gas distribution systems.

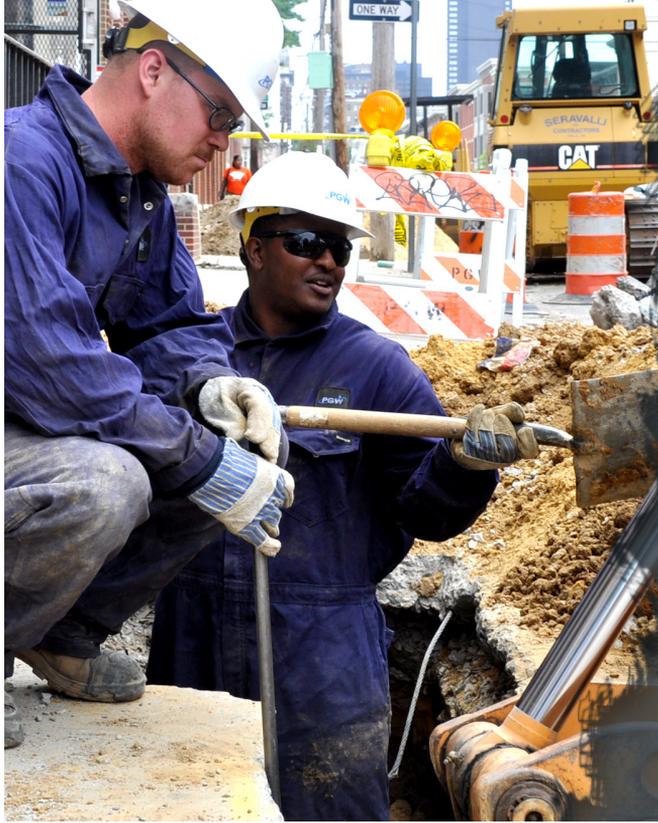
“Demand is growing and our companies need trained, capable, professional employees,” White added. “We need them now, and we’re going to need them far into the future. This program helps address that need.”

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