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Roadrunner Motors program to seek new facility location

Automotive program trains and links students to local, well-paying jobs

Palm Desert, CA (October 27, 2021) - After careful consideration, College of the Desert will evaluate alternative locations for the Roadrunner Motors program. The decision to choose a new site for its upgraded automotive and advanced transportation facility comes after a fiscal review determined costs at the planned location are exorbitantly higher than previously anticipated.

"I take my responsibility for managing dollars entrusted to us by the community very seriously," said Superintendent/President Martha Garcia, Ed.D. "It's important to understand how the decisions we make today can affect us financially five, ten, or even twenty years from now. I am committed to ensuring that we remain responsible with public dollars."

The project, which was slated to be built in Cathedral City, consists of an automotive and advanced transportation facility featuring a modernized lab and classrooms. The design intends to keep the College programming current with the rapidly changing industry, including cutting-edge technology and emerging innovations.

Roadrunner Motors' courses provide industry training and skills and create a pipeline for jobs in the region, connecting students to local opportunities.

College of the Desert is committed to identifying possible site alternatives and will provide location recommendations in the coming months.

"We believe strongly in the Roadrunner Motors concept and are confident we will find a solution that furthers the interest of our students," added Garcia.

College of the Desert is dedicated to long-term planning and financial accountability while meeting the community's needs and building a strong, vital, and resilient Coachella Valley.

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