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## Flour Bluff High School Selected to Participate in National Pilot Program

Project Lead The Way (PLTW), a national, leading provider of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) curriculum and professional development to middle and high schools, announced that Flour Bluff High School has been selected to pilot a new PLTW course in the 2013-2014 school year.

The new course is called Computer Science and Software Engineering and will be part of the high school's Pathway To Engineering program from PLTW. The course addresses an ever-growing need for students across all career paths to explore the new questions and tools opened up by massive data collection and processing. The course also exposes students to the high-demand career paths within Computer Science and Information Technology. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that 50% of the 1.4 million job openings in STEM through 2018 will be for computer specialists (PCAST Report to The President: Engage to Excel, 2012.)

Tony Graham, the instructor selected to pilot the course at Flour Bluff High School, is among approximately **50 teachers nationwide** participating in the pilot program. These 50 teachers will help instruct the professional development for the teachers who wish to implement the Computer Science and Software Engineering course when it becomes available for the full PLTW network in the 2014-15 school year. There are over 5,200 PLTW programs in more than 4,700 schools across the United States.

Flour Bluff currently teaches 4 PLTW courses (Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Digital Electronics, and Engineering Design and Development). In addition to the CSI Pilot, Flour Bluff will be adding Aerospace Engineering and Civil Engineering and Architecture in the fall of 2013. Flour Bluff's current computer science offerings include Computer Science and AP Computer Science.

For questions about the Project Lead the Way program at Flour Bluff High School, please contact Tony Graham at 361-694-9153 or [tgraham@flourbluffschoools.net](mailto:tgraham@flourbluffschoools.net).