

## News Release From . . . Congressman Rodney Alexander

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## ALEXANDER, VITTER ANNOUNCE NSF FUNDING FOR LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN WEST MONROE GRANT FUNDING TOTALS \$750,000

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, and U.S. Sen. David Vitter, R-La, today announced that the Louisiana Technical College in West Monroe will receive a 3-year National Science Foundation Grant totaling \$750,000.

The NSF grant will help fund a project that will focus on developing pathways to careers in Information and Communication Technology for both secondary and post secondary students.

"This federal funding is good news for the LTC in West Monroe," Alexander said.

"I believe in this program. I've always said that the federal and state governments should invest more in local technical schools. I've visited the LTC in West Monroe, and I know that they are equipping young men and women with the skills they need to advance and succeed in our nation's economy. Regional Director Norene Smith has provided the leadership needed to advance this school's mission, and this federal grant will help continue this school's progression."

Vitter said, "This federal funding will further enhance the educational opportunities that the LTC provides to north Louisianians. By investing in education with federal grants like this one, we are also improving our local economies."

For more information on this grant, please contact Smith at 318-397-6102.