THE PROJECT

Delgado Community College is located in New Orleans and has several satellite campuses in and around the city that serve various neighborhoods and provide unique programs. The College has the largest enrollment among all higher education institutions in metropolitan New Orleans with 13,217 degree-seeking students and nearly 9,500 in Workforce Development programs. The primary campus, the City Park Campus, is the focus of this study, the anchor of the group and was the hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. This on-going project is leading to preparation of a campus plan focused on rebuilding this vital community institution.

CHALLENGE

As a result of Hurricane Katrina, three major academic buildings on the City Park Campus were totally damaged and enrollment declined by 43 percent. While some facilities were renovated and reopened in a timely manner, several major buildings on campus remain closed, partly because of government bureaucracy and partly due to a lack of funds. In the interim several trailers and temporary buildings have been erected to help keep the College functioning. In addition, 30 percent of course work is now conducted on line, up from 3.8 percent prior to Katrina. However, this does not eliminate the need for a fully functioning City Park Campus.

SOLUTION

DOBER LIDSKY MATHEY (DLM) worked with faculty and staff at Delgado to determine space requirements and technological needs for all departments on campus. The next step was to define facility location status with projections for future use and implementation goals for each facility. With so many facilities in play the College has the opportunity to develop a Campus Plan that will reshape the campus and underline its importance in the city.

RESULTS

This project resulted in a campus plan focused on rebuilding this vital community institution.

*Project completed under previous name: Dober, Lidsky, Craig and Associates, Inc.



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