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***STATE, THADDEUS STEVENS COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY PARTNER
TO OFFER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COURSES***

Harrisburg, PA – The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in Lancaster have developed three new historic preservation courses as part of a program in preservation trades technology, Executive Director Barbara Franco announced today.

“We are delighted to develop this partnership with Stevens to be able to offer these preservation courses to students and workers in the building trades,” Franco said. “People who actually do the hands-on work in historic buildings need access to this knowledge and skill set.”

“Fundamentals of Historic Preservation,” “History of Pennsylvania Architecture,” and “Pennsylvania Building Technology” will be offered beginning next month as the three core theory courses required for the Preservation Trades Technology Program at Stevens. The courses are geared to students in the building trades or those already working in the field. The general public is invited to register for the courses, as well.

Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology has been providing education in the building trades for more than 100 years. Other major program partners include the Lancaster County Planning Commission and the Lancaster County Workforce Investment Board.

“The Preservation Trades Technology Program at Stevens is the first of its kind in Pennsylvania,” Franco said. “This gets us much closer to a goal of having a full curriculum of preservation technology courses available to students and current workers in the building trades.”

“Fundamentals of Historic Preservation” will be offered from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Feb. 3 through Feb. 21, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 21. It will provide a broad overview of historic preservation as an approach to the repair, maintenance, rehabilitation and restoration of buildings and structures, as well as a planning and economic tool.

The second course, “History of Pennsylvania Architecture,” will be offered from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays from March 2 through March 21, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 21. It will cover the development of American architecture, focusing on architectural styles common to Pennsylvania, with an emphasis on how technology, cultural trends, and economics affect how Americans build and why buildings look the way they do.

The third course, “Pennsylvania Building Technology,” will be offered from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays from March 30 through April 18, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 18. It will examine the evolution of American building materials and their use in Pennsylvania architecture. Emphasis will be placed on traditional materials common to Lancaster and the surrounding counties.

Registration fee is \$95 per course. The deadline for registration is one week prior to the first class for each course. The phone number for registration for the courses is 717-391-3543. Contact Charles Byers at 717-587-9179 or byers@stevenscollege.edu for more information about the program, curriculum and course content.

Information on the program is also available on the Stevens Web site at www.stevenscollege.edu, click on “Workforce Development.” For more information on programs of