



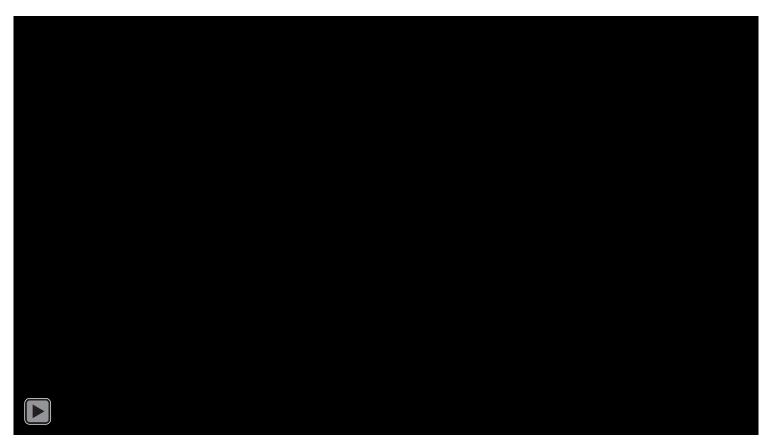
Creating a Talent Pipeline for Large Companies in One Year

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## Case Study: Creating a Hiring Pipeline





## Challenge – Community College Technical Training



- Companies want their local community colleges to help provide a pipeline of technical workers
- Community colleges want to provide local students an opportunity to join these companies in high-paying technical careers
- Many students want to pursue a technical career rather than a four-year college
- Companies, community colleges and students will all agree that more can be done
- This case study explores the partnership between MidAmerican Energy, Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) and Index







## Solution - MidAmerican, DMACC, Index Partnership



- MidAmerican Energy, a large utility, needed a strong pipeline of future electric line workers
- DMACC could support with classrooms and instructors
- A career line worker at a major utility is an attractive career to many students
- Index AR Solutions, in collaboration with MidAmerican experts, had just completed and deployed a "best in class" line worker apprentice program for their employees
- Index and DMACC signed a teaming agreement to support the Fall 2022 semester





#### Index eBook Content Provided – 17 Titles



#### **eBook Titles**

Orientation

Introduction to Line Mechanic Applications

**Annual Training** 

Line Trucks

Gloving

**Pulling Conductor** 

Pole Work

Rigging

Overhead Line Work

Overhead Line Equipment

Overhead Line Maintenance and Troubleshooting

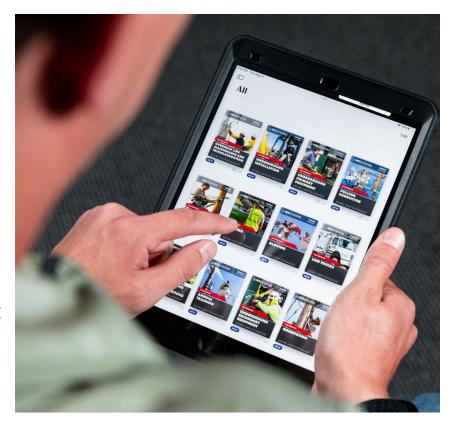
**Underground Installation** 

**Underground Primary Equipment** 

**Underground Secondary Equipment** 

**Substation Overview** 

Vault Work



#### Index App Content Provided – 14 Titles



#### **App Titles**

**Transformer Trainer** 

**Voltage Regulators** 

Reclosers

**Knot Tying** 

Capacitors

Switchgear

750 Cable Splice

Truck Hazards

**Secondary Maintenance** 

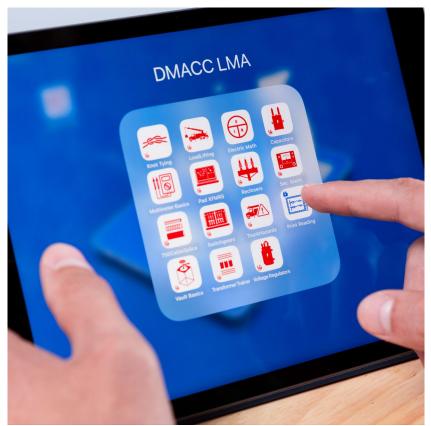
**Vault Basics** 

**Load Lifting** 

**Pad-mounted Transformers** 

**Electric Math** 

**Print Fundamentals** 



## Index App and eBook Content Preview

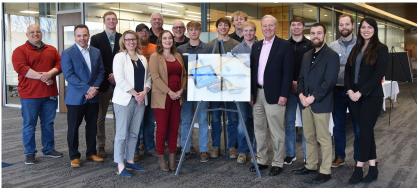




# Index Support Provided



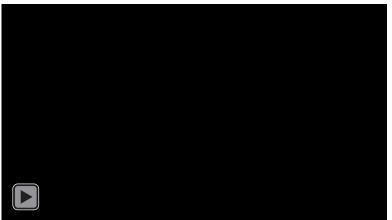
- Index provided the following to the class:
  - ✓ Apps and eBooks
  - ✓ iPads for each student
  - ✓ In-person instructor training
  - ✓ In-person student tutorials
  - ✓ Weekly 30-minute virtual meetings during class
  - ✓ Ongoing technical support





#### Student Experience

- Majority of students were recent high school graduates.
- 100% of students said the course, which included eBooks and apps, helped them decide whether to pursue a career in the utility industry
- Majority of students said they were "very likely" to recommend the apps and eBooks to a peer.
- Students were surveyed at graduation:
  - iPad experience: 5.0 out of 5.0
  - App experience: 4.8 out of 5.0
  - eBook experience: 4.6 out of 5.0
  - 30-minute call experience: **4.7 out of 5.0**



"Made life easier for a hands-on person"

"Great to be able to learn and visualize what you're supposed to be doing" "Very easy to follow and allowed me to learn efficiently"

"Easy to use and navigate"

#### Results



- High retention rate: 14 of 15 students graduated the 1-year program
- 13 of 14 graduates accepted job offers within one month of graduation
- The salary range of student offers was \$60k - \$72k
- Successfully established reliable pipeline of qualified candidates for MidAmerican
  - 8 of 14 (57%) graduating students accepted jobs at MidAmerican
- DMACC so pleased with pilot that they are doubling the second-year class from 15 to 32 students.







### Conclusion - Slideshow







# Questions?

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