

# Expanded Curriculum.



## **Motlow College Rutherford County Smyrna, Tennessee**

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**The Tennessee Board of Regents wanted a 17,500 square-foot facility to house a new teaching center in Smyrna, as part of Motlow State Community College.**

**Challenge number one: a remote building site with no power source.**

The Rutherford County Teaching Center is a satellite campus for Motlow State Community College in Smyrna, Tennessee. The Tennessee Board of Regents accepted bids to build a single, large classroom building that would accommodate their academic and administrative needs. Carden Company was awarded the job – a job that provided a few tests of our experience and adaptability.

Getting the project started on schedule was the first challenge. A major difficulty was the chosen site, which was a remote location and had no power source already in place. While the Board of Regents and the power company negotiated how to solve that problem, construction proceeded – with on-site generators.

Then, as so often happens at some stage of construction, there were issues with the dirt. In this case, unusual conditions required the replacement of a large quantity of the original soil with structural soil.

As important as managing these special challenges was to the success of the project, Architect Dan Huitt remembered best the on-the-job experience and professionalism, providing this example: “Carden Company alerted us to a possible situation regarding the mechanical room – getting equipment in and out of there – and sure enough we looked at it again and we did need to do something different. Some contractors would have done exactly what was on the drawings and then told us later we shouldn’t have done it that way.”

Huitt continued, “That’s what I always hope for: having a contractor who gets in there and looks at the big picture and helps alert us to potential issues before they construct them.”

TBR representative Edward Asci was also pleased with our performance on the project in Smyrna. He encouraged Carden Company to bid for another building project for Motlow, in Tullahoma, and when asked if he would recommend Carden Company, he was enthusiastic, “Absolutely – please come back and bid!”