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WHO: AEP Texas and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Officials
WHAT: Announcement of $250,000 Gift to Mechanical Engineering
WHEN: Wednesday, April 22, at 11:30 a.m.
WHERE: President’s Area (Chapman Conference Room), Corpus Christi Hall, Second Floor

AEP Foundation Makes a $250,000 Commitment to Mechanical Engineering at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The AEP Foundation has committed $250,000 paid over four years toward the upcoming mechanical engineering program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Officials with AEP Texas, headquartered in Corpus Christi, will be on campus Wednesday, April 22, at 11:30 a.m. to announce the donation. The new Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi awaits final approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

American Electric Power (AEP), one of the nation’s largest electric utilities, delivers electricity to more than 5 million customers in 11 states.

Created in 2005, the AEP Foundation complements AEP and its regional utilities’ tradition of corporate philanthropy to support its local communities. One of the foundation’s areas of focus is to improve the lives of students through education.

Several area businesses have joined the City of Corpus Christi and Port of Corpus Christi in support of having a mechanical engineering degree program at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. Last fall a $1 million pledge was made by the city for the program.

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