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Switzerland County Shines at Regional Talent Showcase

As the initial three-year phase of the EcO15 regional program drew to a close, projects funded through the initiative were highlighted at the first ever Southeast Indiana Talent Showcase. On October 27, 2011, ten counties came together at South Ripley High School, bringing displays of the unique activities undertaken in our communities. Together, these projects helped make Southeast Indiana a national leader in focusing on the relationship between education and earnings in the career fields that drive our regional economies: Advanced Manufacturing, Healthcare & Hospitality/Tourism.

Switzerland County's major projects received considerable attention. Architectural drawings of the new community learning center were displayed, allowing the 400+ people in attendance a sneak peak at our first-ever training classrooms designed for adult learning.

The Switzerland County High School Advanced Manufacturing class drew large crowds of curious guests. Students demonstrated how computer-programmed vehicles could carry out a variety of tasks, and explained the work that went into programming the vehicles to do the required work.

Other projects on display included live demonstrations using high-fidelity simulation mannequins via ambulance, Lego Robotics League presentations, super mileage vehicles, and VEX Robotics competitions. The food for the event was catered by Hospitality/Tourism students who have completed the Skills, Tasks and Results Training (START) course. Switzerland County's Eco 15 initiative is coordinated by the Switzerland County Economic Development Corporation.