

Kinexus makes bid for M-TEC

LMC building draws
\$2.7 million offer

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BENTON HARBOR — Kinexus of Benton Harbor, formerly Michigan Works, has offered to buy Lake Michigan College's M-TEC building to put all of its offices and its Bridge Academy job training program under one roof.

Kinexus Communications Director Megan McCausland confirmed Thursday that the Kinexus board on June 6 approved

making the offer to the LMC Board of Trustees. Kinexus is offering \$2.7 million for the building at 400 Klock Road.

Kinexus maintains offices at 499 W. Main St. in Benton Harbor, with the Bridge Academy at 777 Riverview Drive.

McCausland said Kinexus would occupy the entire M-TEC building.

Having all of their operations in one location would mean a large cost savings, which could be re-invested in job training, she said.

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Kinexus would need 35,000 square feet for its current operations, McCausland said. The LMC website lists the size of the

M-TEC Center at almost 44,000 square feet.

M-TEC, near the Harbor Shores resort, provides training for high school students and adults in such areas as drafting and design, energy production technology, indus-

trial maintenance, welding and machine tool technology.

Bridge Academy, started in 2010, trains young adults ages 16-24 in such industries as construction, health care, hospitality and manufacturing, while

assisting them in obtaining their high school diplomas or GED.

Lake Michigan College President Bob Harrison could not be reached for comment.

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