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**TO:** All AT&T Southeast Local Presidents, District 3 Staff & Secretaries

**FROM:** Nick Hawkins, Assistant to the Vice President

**SUBJ:** CWA District 3/AT&T SE Partnership Program — New Vendor

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Yesterday, the CWA District 3/AT&T Southeast Partnership Board voted to approve a new vendor that will provide customized courses to our members across the District. This new vendor is Brandman University. Our next step towards making these important courses available to the District 3 membership, will be to finalize a contract with Brandman University. Our CWA Regional Partner, Wesley Dolinski and the other administrative staff in the Partnership office have started the process of finalizing this contract. We expect this process to take 3-4 weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Wesley at the Partnership Office, or Jeff Self with Brandman University. Below I have listed some details about Brandman University, along with Jeff's contact information:

***Brandman University has the following credentials applicable for the CWA District 3 Partnership Training Program:***

- *Brandman was established in 1958 and is a private, nonprofit institution regionally accredited by the WSCUC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC).*
- *Brandman has 18 years of continuous experience in providing technical training services for Verizon employees in all regions and Districts through their Tuition Assistance Program.*
- *Brandman has 10 years of continuous experience in providing technical training services for Frontier Communications employees in all regions and Districts through their Tuition Assistance Program.*
- *In early 2019 Brandman started delivering technical training services for CenturyLink employees in CWA District 7 through the Partners in Education Program. Since then, over 300 members from District 7 have participated in an array of telecom & IT training courses.*
- *Brandman can provide an assortment of telecom & IT training options for the CWA D3 Partnership Program:*

*TKT II, Cisco CCNA, Microsoft Office, Fiber Optics Installer & Fiber Optics Technician, A+ and Network+, 5G Technician, 5G Wireless Communications, Data Communications, FCC General Radiotelephone Operator License (GROL), Basic Electricity & Electronics plus other industry recognized certification courses to prepare students for the digital age.*

- ***Please note that currently, not all of the training programs offered by Brandman have been approved by the Partnership Board. This is a process we are working through.***

- *Brandman can deliver training courses live in person or live online using our video communications software.*
- *Jeff Self - Brandman University / Cell: 205-420-9870 / Email: jself@mail.brandman.edu*

Please note that we encourage our Local Partnership Field Representatives who have a relationships with other accredited schools/universities, which they believe could provide customized courses to their Local membership, to submit the school/university for consideration by the Partnership Board. As always, should you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, please feel free to contact me anytime at the CWA District 3 Office.

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