ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
2017 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

➢ *S*upport legislation that will establish the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) as a body corporate under the laws of the state and grant corporate powers to the system that are similar to those held by the four-year institutions

➢ *P*rovide funding for the increased cost of the health insurance and retirement benefits for the Alabama Community College System and its colleges' employees **$3M**

➢ *I*ncrease of $5 million for dual enrollment scholarships provided for career and technical, high-wage, high-demand educational programs (current funding is $10.3M) **$5M**

➢ *F*und the A&M-ASU Transfer Scholarship Program (Knight vs. Alabama) to comply with the settlement agreement approved by the Alabama State Board of Education in 2006; encourage the Alabama Legislature to meet this need "through including appropriate provisions within the postsecondary education section of each of the fiscal years 2008 - 2018 education appropriations acts respectively." **$250,000**

➢ *P*rovide funding to address the growing needs of workforce development **$15M**

- Develop / deliver customized training programs across the state via the ACCS Workforce Division
- Develop / implement nationally-recognized industry certification programs driven by industries' hiring practices and workforce occupational forecasts
- Develop a Workforce and Economic Development Certification program for ACCS and its colleges' workforce staff
- Develop a world-class marketing campaign for ACCS that will promote career options and drive career education, including programs such as "Dream It Do It," "STEM," "First Robotics," etc.
- Develop data analysis reports that drive programs; purchase a Customer Relationship Management System for the ACCS Workforce Division to be utilized for research, education and training programs, workforce occupational forecasting, etc.
- Establish existing sites and/or build new Centers of Excellence in Advanced Manufacturing Technology regionally to provide Advanced Manufacturing Training programs
- Create a Workforce Grant program to support critical equipment and infrastructure investments where needed when AIDT training is completed

➢ *P*rovide funding for an enterprise resource planning management information system which will integrate areas within the system and colleges such as planning, course directory, data collection, purchasing, inventory, sales, marketing, finance and human resources. Identify common shared services to prepare the system for future outcomes based funding (first year implementation) **$5M**