



National Training Agency (NTA)

Nomination Category: Special Association Award: Advancing Education for Oil & Gas

Nomination Statement:

On the 30th June 2008, Atlantic LNG Company of Trinidad and Tobago became the first organization in the country's energy sector to be granted Centre Approval for the Operator Trainee Programme. This qualifies us to issue the Trinidad & Tobago National Vocational Qualification (TTNVQ) for Process Plant Operations. (This qualification is the technical equivalent to a Caribbean Examination Council – pre-University diploma- certificate.

The journey to success began in May 2005 when the programme was first structured by the company's Operations and Human Resources personnel, together with the Business Development Unit of the University of Trinidad and Tobago. This initiative was to revise the curriculum for the programme which had been started in 2004 to train operators for Atlantic's operations.

The revised programme was introduced in 2006. Once the new curriculum was started, the National Training Agency (NTA) was invited to provide oversight and to approve our site as a training centre worthy of certifying trainees with the Trinidad and Tobago National Vocational Qualification (TTNVQ) for Process Plant Operations.

The partnership with the NTA provided due diligence to ensure that the training provided was in compliance with the National Occupational Standards (NOS) for Process Plant operations.

By 2007, the Atlantic LNG and NTA partnership had developed the National Occupational Standards (NOS) for Process Plant operations, a standard that is now widely accepted by industry experts and transferable to operations at any other Process Plant.

The partnership progressed to training and certifying the first ever Process Plant Assessors and Internal Verifier in accordance with the national requirements, which was subject to external audit by the Quality department of the NTA.

In May 2008, the National Training Agency granted provisional approval for Atlantic LNG to issue the TTNVQ award. Full approval was granted in June 2008.