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Re: Proposed Wind Energy Training Center at Western Nebraska Community College

Dear Dr. Ely:

I support your efforts to secure federal energy funds for a Wind Energy Training Center at Western Nebraska Community College's (WNCC) Sidney campus to be used for the training of wind energy technicians. This education center will provide economic development and employment opportunities for an important region of the state. It will also reinforce Nebraska's emergence as a leader in the areas of renewable energy and wind development.

Nebraska is ranked sixth nationally in potential for wind energy, and a large facility in Banner County is in the planning stages. A Wind Energy Training Center at WNCC would assist the western Nebraska economy, and would provide the training necessary for long-term jobs. To sustain and grow renewable energy programs in Nebraska, we must provide a trained pool of workers. The Nebraska Energy Office will also be allocating American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds for renewable energy curriculum.

The Wind Energy Training Facility is appropriate for WNCC's Sidney campus. The institution also has an aviation maintenance program and both programs would include courses in electronics, electrical systems, maintenance, turbine repair and programmable logic controllers.

This is a great opportunity for Nebraska, and I fully support the advancement of this project. Thank you for your commitment to Nebraska's renewable energy future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "NPM", written over a horizontal line.

Neil P. Moseman