

AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC.

November 16, 2009

Senator Ben Nelson
720 Hart
Washington DC 20510

RE: Western Nebraska Community College Wind
Energy Training Center

Dear Senator Nelson:

Over the past twenty-five years, our firm, American Communications Group, Inc., has had the pleasure of collaborating with Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC) in areas of health care and rural economic development. Currently, we have joined forces on behalf of the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) to create a workforce trained to meet Nebraska's growing wind energy business development.

As both a long-time supporter of WNCC and its mission, and as a citizen concerned about economic development in the Nebraska panhandle, I am writing to request your consideration for federal funding options for the creation of a Wind Energy Training Center at WNCC's Sidney campus.

As you are aware, the Nebraska panhandle has excellent wind energy potential. Employers such as Vestas, Nebraska Public Power and Suzlan have jobs for qualified wind energy technicians. A Wind Energy Training Center at WNCC would offer training and job opportunities for Nebraskans.

This is a great opportunity for Western Nebraska and now is the time to pursue it. Thank you for whatever efforts you can put forth to make a Wind Energy Training Center at WNCC a reality.

Sincerely,



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