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Eileen Ely
President
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Dear Ms. Ely:

I am writing this letter to you in support of the creation of a wind power technician's program at the Sidney campus of Western Nebraska Community College. I attended the American Wind Energy Association "2009 Nebraska Roadshow" stop in Scottsbluff held on August 25, 2009 and was excited to hear about the possibility of a program such as this. I believe a program of this nature in Sidney is a wonderful idea, as it will not only provide training to Western Nebraska residents who are mechanically inclined, but it is located proximate to some of the busiest wind development areas in the country in northeast Colorado and Southeast Wyoming.

Midwest Wind Energy is doing everything possible to ensure that future graduates of this program have plenty of work in Nebraska as well! We have seen significant growth in wind development in this country over the last few years. It is likely that the demand for people with technical skills will continue to increase. I encourage you to investigate this opportunity further as it seems like a good fit for Western Nebraska and Western Nebraska Community College.

Sincerely,


Tom Swierczewski, AICP
Project Coordinator

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cc: Dr. Cornelius ✓