



Western Nebraska Community College Endowment Association

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Dear Dr. Ely:

I am submitting the following information in support of the proposed Wind Power Technician program. The endowment Association of Sidney has been pursuing the addition of such a program for the past 3 years. We have felt that this program would dovetail well with the Aviation program currently in place since many of the principles involved are quite similar and a rapid mini-course was developed and accomplished 3+ years ago by the aviation instructor. Our board has been following the development of the curriculum and pursuing funding for same.

Our board consists of 10-12 members of the community who bring different expertise to the meetings and are unanimous in support of this endeavor. We have been in touch with other community colleges from Michigan to Texas, from Minnesota to Washington, and from Kansas to California. We have contacts with the Wind Power industry including Florida Power & Light, enXco and representatives of same who are supportive of our program and who have agreed to provide on-site services for our trainees and serve on our advisory committee. Peder Hansen, whose father directed a wind farm in Denmark, and who climbed his first wind tower at age 11 yrs. and who is the vice president of a company which is building wind turbine towers, has been most helpful since we began to pursue this program. We also have contacts with officials of Nebraska Public Power and with the Nebraska Rural Electric Cooperative who have also agreed to serve on our advisory committee.

I personally have been in contact with the Nebraska Department of energy and with Senator Johanns and Representative Adrian Smith and State Senator Ken Schilz regarding this program. The undersigned have been involved in the program development and are authorized to sign for the Endowment Board.

Sincerely Yours,

C. J. Cornelius, M. D. President

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