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NORTHWEST COLLEGE OF CONSTRUCTION ENHANCES EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

PORTLAND, OR – The road to a building a rewarding construction career just got improved. The Northwest College of Construction has recently enhanced several key programs and has added a new craft to their offerings. The College is the first of its kind in the Pacific Northwest. The combination of craftworker training with management development, as well as open enrollment and apprenticeship programs, are illustrative of the innovative and market-driven nature of the educational institution.

Heavy Equipment: NWCC has doubled its heavy equipment programs. Students can now receive their entire four levels of training over four years at the college. Additionally, anyone can sign up for individual components to learn how to operate a new piece of equipment or simply brush up on their skills. Heavy equipment training includes bulldozers, excavators, backhoes, rollers and more.

Sheet Metal & Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC): Both of these lecture and hands-on programs now extend to full four year training. These too are available to the public for open enrollment for individual classes.

Pipelaying: The pipelayer program is utilized by Laborers and Heavy Equipment Operators to further their knowledge and experience in the craft of Pipelaying. Job Site Safety, Tools and Equipment, Rigging and Delivery of Pipe, Trench Safety Pipe Cutting and Pipe Testing are just a few of the topics covered in this two term, ninety-six hour, course.

Safety Programs: These programs will include the OSHA 10-hour, OSHA 30-Hour, and Safety Technology; which provides instruction on how to implement and administer a company safety program.

Blueprint Reading: New programs offered include Blueprint Reading-Basic, Blueprint Reading-Residential (Fall Term), Blueprint Reading-Commercial (Winter Term), and Blueprint Reading-Industrial (Spring Term).

The programs combine lecture, group interaction and hands-on craft training for life-long learning and successful career advancement in the construction industry. Management and some technical courses are offered in short term seminar format to accommodate busy schedules. All classes are taught by experienced tradespeople and industry experts who are trained to teach. Registration for classes begins August 2, 2007. Most classes begin September 24, with others starting at various times in the year. To view a full schedule of class offerings, visit www.nwcoc.com, or to take a tour of the campus please contact NWCC at 503.256-7300.

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