

APPENDIX 2
Letters of Support

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June 9 2005

Montana Board of Regents

Dear Board,

I am forwarding this letter in support of Montana State University –Northern Proposal # 04-60 for the establishment of a Level II A.A.S. in Electrical Technology.

A student who successfully completes this course of study shall take with them 2 years of eligibility towards completing an electrical apprenticeship. Presently for this opportunity to exist, a student must attend an out-of-state institution. Once within that institution, they are recruited by other out-of-state companies to employ them. Seldom do they return to Montana for employment once hire by these companies.

Another fact is that Montana dollars are supporting these out-of-state educational institutions; it's time for us to retain these dollars in Montana and retain these students for Montana's economy. Montana State University–Northern has a great history of providing students with a quality education that has meet Montana's needs in the past, now in the present and most definitely in the future. The addition of this program shall provide continuance in that endeavor.

I urge you to support Proposal # 04-60

Terry Schend
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Board or Regents
Montana State University, Northern
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Dear Board,

I would like to send this letter in support of Proposal # 04-60. This proposal is for a new 2 year degree in Electrical Tech A.A.S.

This degree would allow students interested in the electrical trade to pick up 2 years eligibility of their electrical apprenticeship. This would also be a large asset to the state of Montana. Instead of students attending out-of-state educational institutes, they could attend MSU Northern and keep monies in the state. This would help bolster MSU Northern's diversity of degree's and increase enrollment as well as assisting central Montana's economy.

This will keep potential students from Montana from attending out-of-state institutions and give them the opportunity to find work right here in their home state.

I ask you to please strongly consider Proposal #04-60.

Regards,

Jerry Tucker
District Manager
Crescent Electric Supply Co
Great Falls, MT 59405

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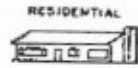
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**State of Montana Board of Regents
Helena, Montana**

To whom it may concern:

**Enterprise Electric Inc. of Great Falls supports proposal #04-60. We
feel this would provide more jobs for Montana people and keep
Montana Money in Montana.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mick Cabbage'.

**Mick Cabbage
President**



June 13, 2005

Montana Board of Regents
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf on the Montana Chapter of National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA). The Chapter is a statewide association of electrical contractors. The Chapter would like to go on record as being in support of Proposal number 04-60. We believe that the proposed program and curriculum at MSU Northern would serve the state very well.

Sincerely,

Bill Bentley
Executive Manager
Montana Chapter NECA



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June 13, 2005

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Board of Regents:

Re: Proposal No. 04-60

On behalf of the Treasure State Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC), I would like to recommend approval of the Level II proposal to establish an AAS in electrical technology at MSU-Northern.

We represent approximately 45 electrical contractors across the state of Montana and run apprenticeship schools in Billings, Bozeman, and Great Falls. We believe that this program would encourage young folks to enter the electrical profession, particularly in a time when we are facing a critical shortage of electricians. This program will greatly help both the employer and the student when the student goes on to enter an apprenticeship program.

Further, this program will help keep education dollars in the state. A large number of Montana electrical apprentices currently take correspondence courses from the Wapeton school.

We believe this program at MSU-Northern would be win-win for the students, the electrical contractors, and the state of Montana.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Margaret Morgan'.

Margaret Morgan
Executive Director