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AFTERNOON OR EVENING CLASSES FOR 2-WEEK 'INTRO TO WIND ENERGY'

Moorefield, WV – March 18 - Area residents interested in training for technical careers in wind energy can start up the first rung of that skill ladder with a two-week 'Introduction to Wind Energy' class this month. The two credit college course starts March 29 at Eastern WV Community and Technical College's new Technology Center, located at the Grant County Industrial Park in Petersburg.

"Learners can choose either afternoon or evening classes, whichever best fits their individual schedules," said Ward Malcolm, Eastern's wind energy program developer and lead instructor. The college is registering students now, and will continue to do so up through the first day of classes, or until the classes fill up, Malcolm said.

"We've had tremendous response from the community to this opportunity, and I encourage anyone who is interested to give us a call as early as possible. There are still seats available, and because of the level of interest, we strongly recommend early registration," he said.

To register, or for more information, call toll free: 304-434-9000; or toll-free: 877-982-2322.

The class will provide an overview of how a wind farm operates and a detailed understanding of how a turbine works. "Our students—recent high school graduates and adults—will also learn the technical language of wind energy as well as on-the-job OSHA safety principles. And we'll explore tower-climbing techniques."

Bird's-Eye View

"We'll cover the basic concepts and practices vital to wind turbine repair,

maintenance and trouble-shooting," Malcolm noted. "And these two weeks will serve as an introduction not only to wind energy careers, but also to our new Wind Energy Technology Training program that will prepare the skilled technicians that the industry needs."

"So anyone at all interested—including raw beginners as well as folks who already have some technical background—will get a real bird's-eye view of the working conditions, the skills required and the start-from-scratch training program now available right here at their own community college," Malcolm said.

For more information about Eastern's financial aid opportunities, programs of study and workforce and community education, call toll free: 877-982-2322; or check the College's website: "www.eastern.wvnet.edu".

Serving the residents of Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Pendleton and Tucker counties, Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, is a comprehensive and equal opportunity community and technical college bringing the resources and assets of Education That Works to the families, communities and employers of the Potomac Highlands.