



JOINT STATEMENT – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Lakes Region Community College Awarded Approved Provider Status by
The Northwest Energy Efficiency Council**

Seattle, WA/Laconia, NH December 21, 2012—Lakes Region Community College (LRCC) and the Northwest Energy Efficiency Council (NEEC) are pleased to announce that LRCC has been granted Approved Provider status for NEEC’s Building Operator Certification (BOC®) program. This new partnership will enable both organizations to further benefit building engineers, technicians, and operators by awarding the certification to students enrolled in the College’s Energy Services and Technology (EST) certificate program.

By holding the Approved Provider status, LRCC will further their existing commitment to educate building and energy management professionals on the subjects of energy efficient building operations and maintenance. Nationally recognized, the BOC training delivers the skill-enhancing education that facility professionals need. Students who earn the BOC credential acquire energy-efficient management strategies proven to transform workplaces by saving an estimated \$.03/square foot on electric utility costs per year. “We are confident this partnership between LRCC and NEEC will contribute to better building performance and to job preservation in the facilities management profession,” said Stan Price, Executive Director of NEEC. BOC certification provides operators with a means of distinguishing themselves to employers through improved job skills. Certification not only establishes a professional credential for the operators, but also illustrates their commitment to the profession and promotes opportunity for advancement in the workplace.

Similarly, the existing EST program at LRCC prepares students to utilize knowledge and skills gained in the areas of energy efficiency, energy economics, electricity, HVAC, technical communications, and to optimize the production, delivery, and use of energy resources. LRCC is the third institution to join the BOC Approved Provider roster. “Participation in the BOC program enables the College to enhance its EST program,” says LRCC Academic Affairs VP Tom Goulette. “The EST program provides students with

the knowledge and skills to participate in the expanding field of energy efficient operations and maintenance.” The first Approved Provider BOC classes at LRCC begin January 25, 2013.

For more information, or to register in the BOC program through LRCC, e-mail Andy Duncan at aduncan@ccsnh.edu, or call 603-524-3207 ext 6629.

About Lake Regions Community College

At Lakes Region Community College, programs and courses are structured within a competency-based framework. By defining competencies (knowledge, skills, and attitudes) in each course, educators and learners work together to maximize the potential of each individual in the learning process. Intellectual, interpersonal and physical-manual competencies are assessed continuously to assist learners in improving their performance. The college continually strives to provide a physical, intellectual and social environment that supports the unique learning styles, backgrounds and needs of each individual. LRCC's **Energy Services and Technology Program** provides students with the knowledge and skills to enter the rapidly expanding field of energy services and technologies. Graduates of the program will be prepared to enter into a variety of energy management and technological fields such as Energy Auditor, Energy Analyst, Building Operator, Resource conservation Manager, measurement and Verification Technician, Technical Service Representative, and many other related professions.

About NEEC

The Northwest Energy Efficiency Council (NEEC) is a non-profit trade association of the energy efficiency industry advocating for an affordable, energy-efficient future for commercial, industrial, and residential building owners and operators. NEEC administers the national Building Operator Certification (BOC[®]) program, which has been educating, training, and certifying building operators to perform energy-efficient operations and maintenance since 1996. National partners with NEEC in the BOC program include the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, New York State Energy Research & Development Authority, City University of New York, Northwest Energy Education Institute, Gwinnett Technical College, North Carolina Community College System, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, South Carolina Technical College System, Santa Fe Community College, University of Hawaii, and Wisconsin Focus on Energy. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) named NEEC as a winner of the 2012 ENERGY STAR Award for Excellence for its contributions through the BOC. For more information, visit www.theBOC.info.



Photo: Left to right are LRCC Energy Trainings Manager, Andy Duncan; EST Department Chair, Carl Daniels; EST Professor, Wes Golomb; and LRCC Vice President of Academic Affairs, Tom Goulette, pictured in the state-of-the-art LRCC EST lab. These gentlemen have been instrumental in developing the relationship between NEEC and LRCC involving the new BOC program.

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