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Northwest Iowa Community College Receives Funding from MDU Resources Group Inc.

Northwest Iowa Community College (NCC) is happy to announce that they have received \$25,000 from MDU Resources Group Inc. that will support the construction of the Applied Technologies building on NCC's campus. The \$25,000 gift is the second half of a \$50,000 pledge MDU made to NCC in 2015. In addition to supporting the Applied Technologies building, MDU gives \$3,000 a year in the form of two scholarships to students who are enrolled in NCC's Heavy Equipment Operation and Maintenance or Diesel Technology programs. All of these funds will count towards the campaign total for NCC's **Everyone Knows Someone Who Chose NCC** fundraising campaign.

MDU, a construction and utilities company based out of Bismarck, ND, is the parent company of Knife River Corporation and Jebro, Inc. Knife River mines aggregates and markets crushed stone, sand, gravel and related construction materials. It also performs integrated contracting services. Jebro, Inc. works with asphalt sales. The students who graduate from NCC's Heavy Equipment Operation and Maintenance Program and the Diesel Technology program have the skills that companies like Knife River and Jebro need to continue to grow in the construction field.

Ron Hall, President of the Midwest Division of Knife River, continues to be excited about the partnership. Hall states "Knife River, Jebro, and MDU Resources are happy to be able to partner with Northwest Iowa Community College in their Heavy Equipment and Diesel Mechanic programs. We believe these are very important programs as they bring well trained and educated workers to our industry. We look forward to continued involvement with the college."

The Applied Technologies Building on the Northwest Iowa Community College campus will be open for instructional use when classes resume in August.