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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Northwest Iowa Community College is Proud to Announce Partnership with Ziegler CAT**

Ziegler CAT, in conjunction with the Caterpillar Foundation and Caterpillar Distribution Services, has pledged \$250,000 to Northwest Iowa Community College to enhance the curriculum and instruction of Northwest Iowa Community College's Diesel Technology program. The \$250,000 will be paid over a five year time frame, and will include \$5,000 per year towards scholarships. The remainder of the funding will go towards course development, training aids, tools, equipment, and faculty training.

The Caterpillar Foundation awards the Caterpillar Dealer Excellence Fund money to eligible secondary/post-secondary schools, with the objective of strengthening curriculum and increasing the pool of qualified service technicians in the industry.

The significance of this partnership is immense, as NCC looks to revamp the curriculum and facilities to their Diesel Technology and Heavy Equipment programs. Financial assistance and partnerships from businesses such as Ziegler and Caterpillar will enhance the quality of education to the students of NCC, and will hopefully produce a stronger work force.

Eric Magnuson, recruiting manager at Ziegler CAT says "There are numerous critical issues facing our industry. Near the top of the list is a shortage of well-educated and well-trained technicians. Ziegler and Caterpillar couldn't be more proud to invest in the future of Northwest Iowa Community College and its students with a Caterpillar Dealer Excellence Fund Sponsorship."

Dr. Alethea Stubbe, College President, also shares Ziegler's enthusiasm. Dr. Stubbe stated "We are thrilled that Ziegler CAT shares our dedication and commitment to students, education and the future of the industry. We deeply appreciate their generous support and anticipate a long, productive relationship working together to provide skilled technicians."

NCC is seeking other partners to assist in future development of their Heavy Equipment and Truck and Diesel program. Anyone who wishes to make a donation to these programs should contact Dr. Jan Snyder at [jsnyder@nwicc.edu](mailto:jsnyder@nwicc.edu).