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**The Environmental Technology Department Receives Follow-up Grant to Implement
Building Energy Technologies Curriculum**

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS: that Wilbur Wright College's Environmental Technology Department has received a second year \$80,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to implement the six-course Building Energy Technologies curriculum and occupational certificate program for those working in the trades, supervision, inspection, and related building construction careers. The first phase of the project, also funded by DCEO, achieved a successful conclusion with the approval of the certificate program by the Illinois Community College Board.

that the goal of the project or DCEO is to the cost of doing business in Illinois and increase employment in the building trades industry by enhancing the job skills of the next generation of Illinois' energy technicians and professionals. Through the market development of energy efficiency / renewable energy services and workforce training in those sectors, this DCEO initiative can result in the conservation of critical fossil fuels and reduce the cost of business and residential energy bills, while expanding employment in high-wage building construction trades.

that once the curriculum is piloted at Wright College beginning in the 2006 Fall semester, it will be made available for implementation through other Illinois technical and community colleges. The intent is to make the program available for the duplication throughout the state in order to meet the workforce needs for implementing a sustainable energy culture in the building construction industry.

Respectfully submitted,

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