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Midwest Power Skills Website Reaches Major Milestone

Washington, D.C. –The Midwest Power Skills website has reached a major milestone after receiving over 2,000 visits, with nearly 1,000 unique visitors. This past May, the Midwestern Governors Association (MGA) announced the launch of www.midwestpowerskills.net.

As students begin to register for fall courses, this site provides a gateway for those looking to enroll in classes related to the energy industry at the region’s community and technical colleges. Sixty-two colleges in the 10 MGA states have posted a total of more than 550 course offerings – both for credit and not for credit – that offer workforce training in the energy field. A skilled workforce is a crucial component of Midwestern governors’ efforts to position the region as a leader in the new energy economy.

“Governors have worked closely with the education community and industry representatives to promote coursework that effectively capitalizes on the vast natural and human resources of the Midwest,” said Jesse Heier of the MGA. “The response to the Midwest Power Skills website shows the strong demand for training that meets the workforce needs of the new energy economy.”

In fall 2009, Midwestern governors released the [*Platform for Creating and Retaining Midwestern Jobs in the New Energy Economy*](#), which included various cooperative regional agreements. One of these agreements included the creation of a clearinghouse to provide information on new energy economy training opportunities in the 10 MGA states. The MGA partnered with Des Moines Area Community College and the Global Midwest Community and Technical College Consortium to establish this online clearinghouse.

Each community college populates and maintains its own information on www.midwestpowerskills.net. Funding for the site came from a U.S. Department of Labor grant through Iowa Workforce Development.

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