Nebraska Public Power District Honors Southeast Community College Program
(KLZA) Although it began just 19 months ago, the Energy Generation Operations program at Southeast Community College is experiencing early success and praise.

The Nebraska Public Power District, at the August 10th meeting of its board of directors in Columbus, adopted a resolution commending SCC for its leadership in developing the program and graduating its first class.

The resolution said "The Directors of Nebraska Public Power District, a political subdivision of the state of Nebraska, on behalf of its employees and the people of Nebraska whom it serves, hereby confers upon Southeast Community College its commendation for superior performance; expresses sincere appreciation for their leadership and vision that has led to the development of this important program; and finally expresses its sincere wish that Southeast Community College has continued success in all of its future endeavors."

SCC representatives Dr. Dennis Headrick, vice president for instruction; Glenn Pasho, dean of the Construction & Electronics and Communications & Information Technology divisions; and John Pierce, chair of the Energy Generation Operations program, attended the meeting.

SCC began the program in January 2011 and graduated its first class in June 2012. The majority of the 13 students who graduated have secured employment in the field as operators. The average starting wage for the group is $25 per hour, with the top wage being $32.68 per hour.

SCC's program is unique in that it provides a broad base of core curriculum in the first five quarters, followed by specialty courses in various focuses during the final sixth quarter. No other college offers operator training this way.

The program enrolls students in January and July. SCC's quarter system allows students to complete the Associate of Applied Science degree in 18 months.

Persons wanting more information about SCC's Energy Generation Operations program are asked to contact Pierce at 402-761-8394.

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