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Lancers are shaping the future of the construction industry in WY.

The need for a Construction Technology Program at EWC

Converse County faces a persistent housing crisis driven by an influx of temporary workers supporting oil, gas, and renewable energy projects. These workers, due to higher wages and per-diem allowances, occupy the already limited housing, making it increasingly difficult for essential professionals—teachers, nurses, law enforcement officers, and maintenance workers—to find accommodations. A significant factor contributing to this housing shortage is the lack of skilled labor available to build long-term and short-term housing solutions. By investing in workforce development, the Construction Technology Program will directly increase the county's capacity to build much-needed homes and infrastructure while also providing a skilled workforce for current business and industry growth and expansion.

Construction technology benefits our community in multiple ways: most importantly, it provides a clear pathway to a well-paid, well-educated workforce that will make an impact on the quality of life in Wyoming for generations to come.

—DR. MARGARET FARLEY,
VICE PRESIDENT, EWC DOUGLAS CAMPUS



Workforce Development

The program will train and certify skilled construction professionals, ensuring a steady pipeline of labor to support local and regional housing and infrastructure projects.



Economic Growth

By addressing workforce shortages, the program will support regional employers in sectors such as healthcare, education, and public service, reducing employment gaps and strengthening the local economy.



Housing Expansion

Increased skilled labor will allow for greater housing development, reducing strain on rental markets and improving affordability for permanent residents as well as serving as a model for communities statewide.



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Eastern Wyoming College is proud of its commitment to workforce development.

Converse County is the only fully certified ACT® Work Ready Community in Wyoming and is actively engaged in maintaining its designation. Participation in the Work Ready Communities program signifies a commitment to a thriving workforce which possesses measurable and verified skill levels.

The comprehensive approach of Eastern Wyoming College's new Construction Technology Program aligns with the county's designation as a Work Ready Community, leveraging the WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certification to equip students with essential skills for long-term success.

Eastern Wyoming College is committed to ensuring the Construction Technology Program fulfills its vision of building foundational skills for a productive workforce, communicating with policymakers to consistently meet the needs of our community, and providing our graduates with industry-recognized credentials.

Courses in materials handling, construction equipment, architectural and construction planning, engineering graphics, surveying, electrical code, residential plumbing and more will set our students—and our community—up for a brighter future.

In early 2024, EWC received a \$2 million Coal Impacted Communities Economic Development Administration grant to support this initiative. These funds were complemented by \$2 million in local matching funds. To complete the full funding required to launch this critical program in collaboration with Converse County, the City of Douglas, and the Town of Glenrock, **we are seeking an additional \$1.1 million to cover the remaining 18% of the total project cost.** Private donations up to \$500,000 will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the 2024 State of Wyoming Community College Matching Program.

Your contribution to this initiative will directly impact Converse County's workforce, economy, and quality of life. The opportunity to make transformational change is rare, but **this is one of those opportunities.**

Reach out for more info or how to contribute!

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