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Dr. Paul Matney  
President  
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Dear Dr. Matney:

Thank you for your letter of June 6, 2011, providing information concerning the offering of a new certificate program and closure of degree and certificate programs.

Utility Power Worker Certificate

Effective August 22, 2011, the College plans to offer the Utility Power Worker Certificate. It currently offers programs in electronics technology, instrumentation technology, industrial maintenance, and renewable energy—wind and solar. Existing full-time and part-time faculty members in these areas will teach courses in the certificate. As needed, additional faculty will be secured to teach courses in the program. Learning resources are in place and the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation has provided start-up funds.

Because the certificate does not appear to be significantly different from approved programs currently offered and because resources are in place, this addition is not considered to be a substantive change. **We acknowledge notification, will add the information to our files, and request no further information.**

Program Terminations

The A.A.S. degree and Certificate in Substance Abuse will be discontinued, effective fall 2011. Currently enrolled students have been notified of the discontinuation, will be counseled concerning options, and will have until January 1, 2014, to complete the program. The full-time faculty member teaching in the program will retire in 2012. As needed, part-time faculty members will teach courses during the teach-out period.

**We accept notification of the discontinuation of the degree and certificate programs in substance abuse and request no further information.**

The A.A.S. in Real Estate, the Real Estate Certificate, and the Real Estate Salesperson Certificate will be discontinued, effective fall 2011. Students have received written notification of the closure and will have until January 2014, to complete their program. They will also receive counseling concerning other options. The full-time faculty member teaching in the program will retire. As needed, part-time faculty members will teach courses during the teach-out period.

**We accept notification of the discontinuation of the degree and certificate programs in real estate and request no further information.**



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The A.A.S. Safety and Environmental Technician degree program and the Safety and Environmental Certificate Technician program will be discontinued, effective fall 2011. Students have received written notification of the closure and will have until January 2014, to complete their program. They will also receive counseling concerning other options. The two full-time faculty members teaching in the programs will retain their positions to meet the demand for continuing education courses in the discipline. As needed, they will also teach credit courses during the teach-out period.

**We accept notification of the discontinuation of the degree and certificate programs in safety and environmental technician and request no further information.**

Best regards,

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President

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