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Construction Trades Academy slated for June 6-17 at MN State Community and Technical College

(Feb. 16, 2011) Moorhead, Minn. - The Herdina Academy for Construction Trades will be held June 6-17, 2011, at Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Moorhead. The two-week session runs 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and a certified instructor supervises activities.

The Academy is open to North Dakota and Minnesota high school students ages 16 and older. Enrollment is limited! Students who successfully complete the Academy will earn three college credits from M State. The credits can be used for the carpentry, plumbing, refrigeration and air conditioning, or mechanical CAD programs at M State. Find out more by calling (701) 232-5846, e-mailing info@hbafm.com, visiting www.hbcfm.com or visiting www.facebook.com/TradesAcademy.

The Academy, now in its 14th year, will be held at M State for the fifth year. M State's campus offers a myriad of opportunities to expose participants to the many specialty occupations within the construction industry including: blueprint reading, carpentry, casework, concrete, drywall, electrical, excavation, HVAC, landscaping, masonry, plumbing and more. Students will work side-by-side with industry and education professionals, learning about occupations, tools, safety requirements and skills required for satisfying and well-paying careers. They participate in classroom and hands-on learning, with the opportunity to experience first-hand how residential and commercial buildings are constructed.

Student-built sheds will be available for sale through the 2011 Herdina Academy for the Construction Trades. Prices start at around \$1,750 for an 8' x 12' shed. Contact Tony Schouten at (218) 333-6641 or tony.schouten@ntcmn.edu before May 20 if you are interested in pre-ordering. Limited customization is possible. Sheds will be complete by July and proceeds from the sale will be used to support the academy in the future.

Sponsorship of the Herdina Academy for the Construction Trades is provided by: M State-Moorhead, Home Builders Association of F-M and its charitable organization, Home Builders Care of Fargo-Moorhead Foundation.

A \$500 scholarship from the Home Builders Care Foundation will be awarded to an outstanding student who completes the academy and plans to enroll in a construction-related field at M State-Moorhead or North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton.

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Academy organizers are available for media interviews. For any questions regarding this release or to arrange an interview, please contact Krista Mund at (701) 232-5846 or kristam@hbafm.com.