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NORTHERN LAKES COLLEGE CELEBRATES THE CRANE & HOISTING EQUIPMENT OPERATOR PROGRAM AND MOBILE TRAINING LABS

August 12, 2016 (Slave Lake, Alberta) – Northern Lakes College is showcasing several pieces of new crane and hoist equipment as well as two mobile training labs. The celebration event at the Slave Lake Campus welcomed industry owners, crane operators and the public to a bar-b-que, ribbon cutting and demonstrations of the equipment including the massive 80' Terex crawler crane.

Northern Lakes College's innovative Crane and Hoisting Equipment Operator training program received a financial boost from Advanced Education which has allowed the College to purchase six pieces of state of the art equipment and expand the fleet of equipment used in the program. Nelson Lutz, Dean Trades and Technology at Northern Lakes College said "Each crane is unique in terms of its capacity and the range of work performed. Students will receive hands on technical training on the very latest computerized crane and hoist equipment." Currently, the program is delivered throughout the province of Alberta where there is sufficient demand and has been approved by Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training.

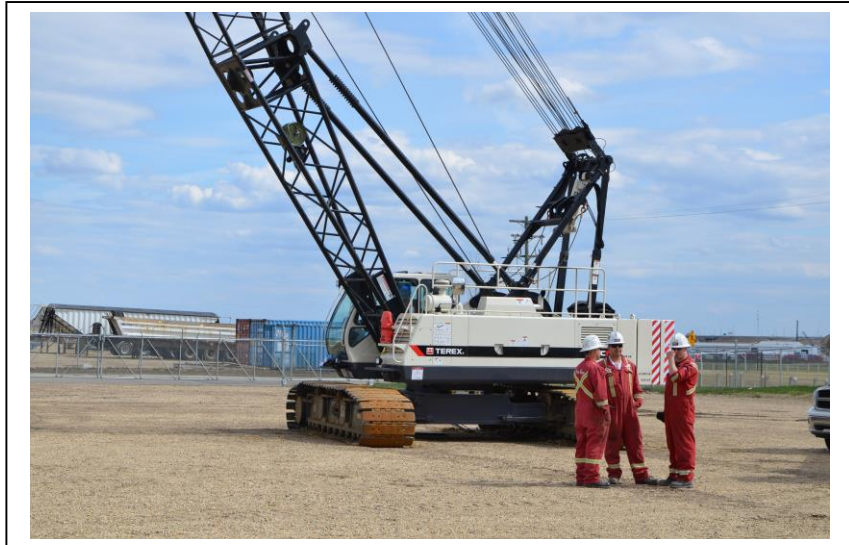
In addition to showcasing the crane equipment, NLC is showing off their new Mobile Training Labs. Each 50 foot long training lab opens out and extends up allowing for 1500 square feet of training space. Eight to ten stations can be set up for hands-on training in carpentry, welding, and electrical. The Mobile Training Labs will provide pre-employment trades technical training to First Nation communities and dual credit in rural schools where accessing trades training is often not accessible.

"Our government knows the creation of education and career opportunities depends on innovative approaches to training throughout the province. The mobile unit has tremendous flexibility to bring training to students in northern communities, remote locations and provides a true hands-on approach to learning," said the Honourable Marlin Schmidt, Minister of Advanced Education.

“Northern Lakes College continues to provide a wide range of educational programs to prepare our students for current career opportunities” says Ann Everatt, President and CEO. “Our students will benefit tremendously by these new mobile units and state of the art equipment. We are excited to be able to better serve the students and communities in our region.”

Those interested in applying to the crane and hoist program, or other apprenticeship programs at Northern Lakes College are encouraged to check out the website at www.northernlakescollege.ca or to visit the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training site at www.tradesecrets.alberta.ca

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