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Power Mobile Equipment Course Series Launched by NLC

Northern Lakes College launched the Power Mobile Equipment course series at the Rural Utilities Safety Association's 45th Annual Health, Safety, & Utility Conference & Trade Show in Red Deer today. The course series aims to reduce injuries, accidents, damage, and improve overall safe operation and work conditions for powered mobile equipment.

The cost of course development, administration, and offerings is covered by funds administered through the provinces Occupational Health & Safety Act. The funds are the result of a creative sentencing decision after a workplace accident ended in a fatality in the province of Alberta. NLC was awarded the funds with the aim of developing power mobile equipment training that will increase workplace safety and decrease the risk of injuries or deaths in the future.

The training has a wide target audience including employers with work sites using powered mobile equipment, powered mobile equipment operators, individuals working around powered mobile equipment, management, leadership, supervisors, and youth entering the workforce.

The Power Mobile Equipment (PME) course series includes:

- PME Awareness (1 hour)
- PME Safe Operation (3 hours)
- PME Risk Management (3 hours)
- PME Safe Operation and Risk Management (6-7 hours)

All but the one-hour Awareness course are eligible for Continuing Education Units for Alberta Water and Wastewater operators.

A contact from Alberta Labour comments, "We are always trying to find a cure for the cause. This course increases awareness and training regarding the safe use of powered mobile equipment, with the aim to prevent any further injuries or fatalities. Northern Lakes College has been fabulous to work with. It is encouraging to see NLC deliver this type of course, as it will reach multiple industries in the province. The delivery model options ensure that the course is accessible by those who may not otherwise have access due to remote location or small number of participants."

Open to all Alberta businesses and companies at no charge (for a limited time), the courses can be delivered either face-to-face or NLC LIVE Online™. Training inquiries and course bookings can be directed to NLC's Continuing Education & Corporate Training department at 1-866-652-3456 Ext 8623.

Northern Lakes College (NLC), located in northern Alberta, provides quality programs through distributed learning to over 6,000 students annually. NLC offers certificate and diploma programs in Business, Health Sciences and Allied Health, Human Services, Technology, Trades, University Studies, and Academic Upgrading. The College collaborates with partners to offer degree completion opportunities, including a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Social Work. NLC provides professional accreditation and certificate programs through its Continuing Education and Corporate Training Department.

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