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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **COT OFFERS ONLINE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAM**

#### **MISSOULA—**

Students now can connect to a future in the energy economy through a new two-year degree program offered through The University of Montana College of Technology.

The Energy Technology Degree Program, which will be offered online for the first time this fall, prepares students for employment in traditional, emerging and alternative energy industries.

The program is a partnership of UM, Dawson Community College in **Glendive**, Miles Community College in **Miles City** and Montana Tech of UM in **Butte**.

All courses are offered online. The degree program also includes a summer practicum and internships at different sites throughout Montana.

Graduates will have specialized skills for a broad variety of positions -- from the practical hands-on to mid-level leadership and administrative positions, and from research and development to project and personnel management.

“The degree is one which embodies the principles of traditional, renewable, sustainable and alternative fuels and supports creating the knowledge base of the students in these areas,” said UM Associate Provost Jim Staub.

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Funding to develop the program was provided through a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development.

A listing of the program courses and entrance requirements are online at <http://www.cte.umt.edu/programs/appliedtech/energytech.htm>.

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