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IVCCD Board Advances Ellsworth Trades Renovation, Approves Workforce Training Partnerships

IOWA FALLS — The Iowa Valley Community College District Board of Directors approved plans to move forward with renovations to the Trades Program Building at Ellsworth Community College and approved more than $62,000 in Iowa Jobs Training agreements with three area employers during its Nov. 11 meeting.

The Board approved plans, specifications and set a bidding date for the Ellsworth Community College Trades & Industries Building renovation project. The project will remodel existing Trades Program spaces at 816 E. Elm St. in Iowa Falls and includes architectural improvements and finishes, doors and related work, along with mechanical, electrical and plumbing improvements.

The renovation will be funded through the Career Academy Incentive Fund grant and supports the District's continued investment in career and technical learning environments.

Bids for the project are scheduled to be opened Dec. 10, with Board consideration of the bid approval planned for Jan. 13, 2027.

Board approves three workforce training agreements

The Board also approved three 260F Iowa Jobs Training agreements totaling $62,105 with employers in Marshalltown, Iowa Falls and Albion.

A $20,729 agreement with Alkegen in Marshalltown will support OSHA 10, leadership, programmable logic controller training, and artificial intelligence training and programming. Alkegen, which employs approximately 63 people, produces gasket and composite-material products and will undertake its second training project with Iowa Valley.

A $21,332 agreement with Cargill in Iowa Falls will support weeklong maintenance training camps for employees. Training will include topics such as conveyors, belt splicing, drive inspections, gearboxes and couplings, dust systems, rigging safety, bearings, pumps, valves and liquid metering. This will be Cargill's fourth training project with Iowa Valley.

The Board also approved a $20,044 agreement with Raymon Company in Albion, the company's first training project with Iowa Valley. Raymon, which employs more than 80 people and manufactures grilles, registers and diffusers for commercial buildings, plans to use the funding for emerging-leader development, industrial maintenance, electrical and HVAC training.

The three agreements reflect Iowa Valley's role in supporting both education and workforce development throughout the region by connecting area employers with training designed around current workplace needs.

Additional Board action

The Board approved a two-year contract with Paylocity for payroll, human resources and talent management software. Paylocity will replace the District's current Paycor system.

The Board also accepted a donation of animal-related supplies from Agri-Pro Enterprises for the Agriculture program at Ellsworth Community College.

The organizational meeting of the Iowa Valley Community College District Board of Directors will be held Dec. 9 in Marshalltown.

About Iowa Valley Community College District

Iowa Valley Community College District (Iowa Valley) serves the communities of Marshalltown, Grinnell, and surrounding areas through Marshalltown Community College, Ellsworth Community College, Iowa Valley Grinnell, and Iowa Valley Continuing Education. Iowa Valley is committed to providing accessible, quality education and workforce training that empowers individuals and strengthens communities.

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