



MEDIA ADVISORY – September 12, 2014

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College of Western Idaho and Western States CAT Launch Specialty Technician Program

Nampa, Idaho – On Monday (Sept. 15) College of Western Idaho (CWI) will celebrate an educational partnership with Western States CAT that delivers specialized training to meet local workforce needs. CWI will introduce the new Western States CAT® Technician program at a celebration event:

Monday, September 15

Noon to 1 p.m.

CWI Micron Center for Professional Technical Education
5725 E. Franklin Rd.
Nampa, Idaho

The event is open to the public and will include an introduction to the partnership as well as recognition of a donation made by Western States CAT® to the CWI Foundation. Keynote speakers include CWI President Bert Glandon and Western States CAT® President Tom Harris, who will discuss the need that this new program is filling. Students in the program will also be sharing their experiences. There will be interview availability with CWI administrators, Western States CAT executives, and students.

There are currently 20 students enrolled in the program, which is in its first semester. The program covers 15-months of training designed to prepare entry level technicians for Western States CAT® equipment dealer positions. All students must interview with Western States and be selected for the program. Upon completion of coursework at CWI, students are placed in a three month formal internship program at a Western States location. Graduation is based on successful completion of both the required coursework and the internship program.

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About the College of Western Idaho:

The College of Western Idaho is a comprehensive community college fostering student development academically, as well as occupationally. CWI has seven campus locations throughout Southwest Idaho providing higher education and 21st Century technical skills acquisition. The college is dedicated to improving the community's economic well-being by responding with highly-educated and productive graduates. The foundation for the area's only community college was created by a supermajority of voters in Ada and Canyon counties on May 22, 2007. For more information, visit www.cwidaho.cc or call (208) 562-3000.

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About Western States Equipment

With more than 70 years' experience in the agricultural, mining and construction industries, Western States Equipment is an authorized Caterpillar dealer for five mountain states with 12 branches located in Idaho, western Wyoming and

Montana, and eastern Oregon and Washington. For more information on Western States please visit our website www.westernstatescat.com.