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PTC to bring new, hi-tech business incubator to campus

PINE CITY, Minn. – Pine Technical College has announced plans to build an Entrepreneurship Center and Technology Business Incubator. PTC's current Continuing Education and Customized Training building will undergo significant construction this fall and remodeling to house the incubator.

Cunningham Group Architecture was selected in Aug. 2010 to oversee the design, and more than 10 PTC staff members, faculty members, administrators, and members of the larger Pine area comprise the committee that is working closely with the firm toward the best design. Construction/ground-breaking is tentatively set for mid-September, 2011, and the incubator's first tenants may begin operations from the center as early as Feb. 2012.

"It is our vision the incubator will serve as a solid foundation for highly successful companies," says PTC President Robert Musgrove. "PTC can offer promising start-up companies a nurturing environment for growth as well as opportunities to tap into a rich network of business resources that are invaluable to a company's development," Musgrove adds.

The committee plans for the new Entrepreneurship Center and Technology Business Incubator to house light manufacturing and technology-based businesses working toward producing innovative products or services. The facility will be designed to house two to three start-up companies simultaneously, as well as comfortable meeting space. Additionally, the facility will be designed in a resource-efficient manner, using renewable energy.

Pine Technical College, established in 1965 and accredited by the [Higher Learning Commission](#), serves more than 1,200 students and awards certificates, diplomas and associate degrees. PTC's notable programs include accounting, American Sign Language, automotive technology, business administration, business technology, computer programming, computer science, early childhood development, gunsmithing technology, network administration, practical nursing, precision manufacturing/machining (CNC), public welfare financial worker, and many more.

PTC is a proud member of the [Minnesota State Colleges and Universities](#) system, which is comprised of 32 state universities and community and technical colleges serving the higher education needs of Minnesota. The system serves about 277,000 students per year in credit-based courses and an additional 157,000 students in noncredit courses. PTC is accepting applications for new students in all programs; fall courses will start Aug. 22. For more information, call 320-629-5100.

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Image: An early drawing/concept depicting how PTC's Continuing Education and Customized Training building may look, from the southwest corner of Main St. and Hillside Ave., once construction is complete and incorporates the new business incubator. (Note: At this time, changes/modifications are likely.)

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