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College under construction: New boilers, new HVAC system

PINE CITY, Minn. – Pine Technical College is in the midst of a comprehensive construction project. The "boiler project," as it has become known, involves converting the College's 30+ year-old steam boilers to hot water boilers.

The main building, constructed in 1965, has relied on its original, trusty steam boiler and a second steam boiler (added in 1978) until now, and it is anticipated the conversion will save the College's facilities budget approximately 30 percent annually.

"The new boilers will run more efficiently," said Steve Lange, Pine Technical College Physical Plant Supervisor. "Plus, the savings generated from this project are timely, given the year's reduced operating budget," Lange added.

In addition to updating the boilers, the College also is overhauling its heating, ventilation and air conditioning system on the west side of the building. This additional project will result in improved air quality, ventilation and energy efficiency for all offices and classrooms along the building's west side.

Construction on both projects began the week of July 20. Engineering and mechanical firms submitted competitive bids, and LBP Mechanical of Minneapolis was selected.

The project is to be completed in phases with the majority of construction on schedule for completion before Fall term classes start Aug. 24. All phases and all construction will be completed by mid-November at the latest.



Photos: Contractors from LBP Mechanical of Minneapolis work on Pine Technical College's boilers.

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