

# MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS

## LEVEL II REQUEST FORM

Item No.: 130-2804-R0306 Date of Meeting: March 2-3, 2006

Institution: MSU-Northern and MSU-Great Falls

Program Title: Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering Technology (Montana State University Northern), and Associate of Science Degree w/ Program of Study in Civil Engineering Technology (Montana State University – College of Technology Great Falls)

Level II proposals require approval by the Board of Regents.

**Level II action requested (check all that apply):** Level II proposals entail substantive additions to, alterations in, or termination of programs, structures, or administrative or academic entities typically characterized by the (a) addition, reassignment, or elimination of personnel, facilities, or courses of instruction; (b) rearrangement of budgets, cost centers, funding sources; and (c) changes which by implication could impact other campuses within the Montana University System and community colleges. Board policy 303.1 indicates the curricular proposals in this category:

- 1. Change names of degrees (e.g. from B.A. to B.F.A.)
- 2. Implement a new minor or certificate where there is no major or no option in a major;
- 3. Establish new degrees and add majors to existing degrees;
- 4. Expand/extend approved mission; and
- 5. Any other changes in governance and organization as described in Board of Regents' Policy 218, such as formation, elimination or consolidation of a college, division, school, department, institute, bureau, center, station, laboratory, or similar unit.

### **Specify Request:**

MSU-Northern and MSU-Great Falls propose the creation of a Bachelor of Science degree program in Civil Engineering Technology (CET) to be offered jointly in Great Falls through a 2+2 articulation agreement of the Associate of Science degree offered by MSU – Great Falls with the Bachelor of Science degree offered by MSU-Northern. The Civil Engineering program is also offered in Havre at the MSU-Northern campus. Students entering the program will take 124 credits leading to a BS degree in CET. MSU-Great Falls will offer the lower division courses, with the exception of four specialized courses that will be offered by MSU-Northern. One lower-division course, CET 173, will continue to be offered by MSU-Great Falls, but MSU-Great Falls will retain MSU –Northern faculty to teach the course in order to preserve program continuity and meet accreditation requirements. All other CET courses will be offered through and taught by MSU-Northern on the MSU – Great Falls Campus. Upon the completion of the 32 credit General Education core and 30 additional program credits (for a total of 62 credits) students will be eligible to receive an Associate of Science degree from MSU-Great Falls.