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OUR MISSION AND GOALS INCLUDE:

Awareness of career opportunities.

Alignment of education and skill development for career paths.

Planning for what is needed now for future opportunities.

Results for how to measure success.

Greetings!

Welcome to the SWMP newsletter!

Send info or questions to swmpnewsletter@gmail.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration Deadline: August 15

MANUFACTURING MAKES AMERICA STRONG



Western Wyoming Community College (Western) in partnership with the Southwest Wyoming Manufacturing Partnership (SWMP) is planning the 2nd Annual MFG Day event on Friday, October 6, 2023 to highlight careers in manufacturing and showcase manufacturing as a S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) based industry. The audience will be high school students, educators, and community members from Sweetwater, Uinta, Carbon, Lincoln, and Sublette counties. The event will be held at Western's Main Campus, 2500 College Drive, Rock Springs, from 10a.m. – 1p.m. This event is part of the workforce development initiative to raise awareness about careers in manufacturing and related fields.

As part of the program, we would like to have table top displays staffed by companies. We need businesses who are willing to showcase manufacturing's diversity, its innovativeness and its range of careers (welding, operations, IT, industrial maintenance, instrumentation, engineering, cybersecurity, human resources, and R&D to name a few.) Hosting a display can be an effective way to introduce high school students and educators to the manufacturing industry and to you as a future employer. Each business will be provided an 8' table. Please be creative in designing your displays that are innovative yet substantial will entice students to stop and encourage them to learn more about your company.

We need your help to make this a successful event. May we count on you to staff a display table at the event? In addition, we are offering companies an opportunity to help support the cost of the event through sponsorships. If you are interested in participating in the event, please complete the attached form, and if you are willing to sponsor the event, please complete the 2nd page. ***We are asking all employers to register for the event by August 15th.*** Thanks in advance for supporting the education of our future workforce.

Registration Form

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WHAT'S NEW

TransWest Express Transmission Project celebrates construction phase with Cabinet Secretaries and groundbreaking in Wyoming



CARBON COUNTY, Wyo., June 20, 2023 – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland and U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm joined Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon and other local, regional and national officials today to participate in the ceremonial groundbreaking of the TransWest Express Transmission Project – a high-voltage interregional transmission system adding capacity to reliably deliver renewable energy across the Western U.S. power grid.

The groundbreaking ceremony took place on the Overland Trail Ranch, a working cattle ranch south of Rawlins, Wyoming, where the TWE Project's northern HVDC terminal is sited. A community reception followed in historic downtown Rawlins.

The 732-mile HVDC and HVAC TWE Project will provide important new bulk transmission capacity to benefit the entire West. The TWE Project will interconnect with the PacifiCorp system in Wyoming, with the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power and Intermountain Power systems in Utah, with the NV Energy system in Nevada, and with the California Independent System Operator.

"The TWE Project's successful development represents recognition by stakeholders of all kinds and at all levels that collaborating to build a stronger power grid is vital to build a stronger nation," said Bill Miller, president and CEO of TransWest Express LLC. "We deeply appreciate the support we've received from so many people along the way. We are thankful for everyone who celebrated this milestone with us today. Now, we look forward and are focused on assuring the TWE Project's successful construction."

In a [news release](#) issued earlier today, Secretary Haaland said the TWE Project "will accelerate our nation's transition to a clean energy economy by unlocking renewable resources, creating jobs, lowering costs, and boosting local economies."

Added Secretary Granholm: "The TransWest Express Project will play a major role in our nation's energy security, ensuring that home-grown clean energy can form the backbone of our electric grid as we rebuild a stronger, more resilient transmission system."

"The groundbreaking event for the TransWest Express demonstrates yet another example of how Wyoming is continuing its energy leadership. Today we celebrate the contribution our wind

resources can make, and we are glad to be able to provide energy to primarily California and Nevada consumers, who want what Wyoming has to offer," said Governor Gordon. "Once completed, Wyoming will be home to the largest wind farm in the United States. This will be one more source of energy to complement our all-of-the-above energy approach, from renewables to fossil fuels to nuclear. There is room in Wyoming for all."



TransWest's primary construction partners are [Siemens Energy Inc.](#) for the HVDC terminal technology and [Barnard Wilson Joint Venture](#) for the transmission line and AC substations. TransWest also is partnering with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and International Union of Operating Engineers.

In April, the Bureau of Land Management, part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, issued its Notice to Proceed for the TWE Project, which was the final federal authorization needed to start construction. Underscoring the national significance of the TWE Project, [federal entities identified it in 2011](#) as critical transmission infrastructure to complete.

The TWE Project will be the Western power grid's largest transmission addition in decades. It will connect three planning regions in the West, while adding 3,000 MW of high-voltage capacity from Wyoming to Utah and 1,500 MW of high-voltage capacity from Utah to the Desert Southwest (Nevada, California, Arizona). The project also will provide the West with new access to wind-generated electricity from Carbon County, home of America's best onshore wind resources. The TWE Project is expected to be energized in 2027.

SURVEY



The Wyoming Business Council, Department of Workforce Services, and Harvard are seeking your feedback regarding workforce challenges you are facing and the services you currently utilize. We kindly request a few minutes of your time to complete this anonymous survey. Your participation is crucial as it will contribute to enhancing the future services provided by the state of Wyoming, ensuring we meet your needs effectively.

[Take the Survey](#)

How Significant Presence is Essential to Significant Success

Significant success, whether it be in personal or professional endeavors, is often a result of significant relationships. Relationships are built on trust, mutual support, and genuine connections. When we surround ourselves with individuals who believe in common goals and aspirations, their encouragement and guidance can propel us towards achieving success across the



region. A significant relationship provides a strong foundation that helps us navigate obstacles and celebrate victories together. A significant presence allows us to overcome geographical, historical and multiplicity of efforts, by focusing the efforts on the common goals.

However, maintaining a significant relationship requires more than just occasional interaction. It necessitates a significant presence. Being present means actively participating and engaging in the relationship, showing up both physically and emotionally. It involves being attentive, listening with

empathy, and offering support when needed. By being present, we demonstrate our commitment to the relationship and make the other person or organization feel valued and appreciated. This significant presence fosters a deep sense of connection and creates an environment conducive to growth and achievement. Moreover, a significant presence also involves being fully present in our own lives. It means being self-aware, setting goals, and taking intentional actions towards our own success. When we prioritize our personal growth and well-being, we become more capable of contributing meaningfully to our relationships. By nurturing ourselves, we become sources of inspiration and positive energy, which in turn strengthens the significant relationships we have cultivated. This type of presence across our personal relationships, organizations, communities, counties and if together we can work towards greater levels of success.

Significant success is intricately linked to significant relationships, and which requires a significant presence. Building and nurturing meaningful connections with others who support and inspire is crucial for achieving goals. Additionally, being present in these relationships, as well as in our own lives, allows us to fully engage and contribute to the growth and success of ourselves and those around us. Remember, the journey towards significant success is not meant to be traveled alone, but rather alongside significant relationships nurtured through a significant presence.

Sweetwater County School District #2 Summer Work



Sweetwater County School District #2's summer heroes are our custodians and maintenance staff. These people do a year's worth of work in 3 months. They make sure that all of our buildings are repaired, cleaned and shined for the upcoming school year.



We have 43 custodians, 16 maintenance, and we have 7 student summer workers who start early in the morning and finish up in the heat of the late afternoon.

When we open our doors, in August, nearly 2500 students and over 500 adults will fill our hallways. The buildings and grounds surrounding them will be ready to the 2023-2024 wear and tear.

Thank you, SWCSD#2 Maintenance and Custodians, for all the great work you do in the summer and during the school year!

Would an intern help your company?

Companies Offering

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wants to partner with you to provide our students with real-world experience.

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Friendly Reminder

What is our Purpose and How do we Get There?

Purpose:

Improve outcomes for our students and those seeking career changes

- **Business, Educators, Government Services and the Community working together to improve**
 - **Awareness** of career opportunities
 - **Alignment** of education and skill development for career paths
 - **Planning** for what is needed now and for future opportunities
 - **Results** for how to measure

success

- **Awareness**

- Increase awareness of career opportunities within our community
- Students, Educators, Counselors, Government Agencies, Parents and the Community
- Engagement events and opportunities
- Career Fairs,
- Jr. High and High School events
- Mentoring and job shadowing etc.
- Engagement & Dialog with the stakeholders

- **Alignment to better prepare our students for careers in our community and beyond**

- Direct from high school including career technical training
- Secondary education, certificate programs, two-year degrees, CTE
- University alignment (pathways and career paths)

- **Planning**

- What is needed now,
- Where will the opportunities be
- What will we do to prepare and fill the pipeline?
- Promotion, Communication processes, Scholarships, etc.
- Measurements; Create metrics such as % Secondary Education, % successful career changes

- **Membership**

- **Southwest Wyoming: Carbon, Fremont, Sublette, Sweetwater, Uinta, Lincoln**

Membership:

Core Business Champions: Fred von Ahrens, Ron Wild, Craig Rood, Matt McQueen, Carl Lembke, Lauren Schoenfeld, Kim Dale, Kelly McGovern, Craig Barringer, Joan Evans, Jed Vigil, Marty Carollo

Core Co-Conveners: Bridget Stewart, Lacey Bluemel, Tosha Garner



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