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New construction management and mechanical engineering building opens

Grand Junction – Mesa State College today cut the ribbon as it officially open the newly renovated building that will be home to both the Mesa State Construction Management program and the Mechanical Engineering program delivered at Mesa State in partnership with the University of Colorado at Boulder.

“This is really an exciting day for us. This is one more indication of the way Mesa State is growing, not just in bricks and mortar but also academically,” said Mesa State President Tim Foster. “This is a great facility and will support our delivery of quality academic programs that are designed to meet the needs of area employers such as our construction management program and the mechanical engineering program we offer in conjunction with CU-Boulder.”

In fall 2010, Western Colorado Community College’s machining program will also move into the 21,200 square-foot building at 2510 Foresight Circle. The building was formerly owned by Leitner-Poma of America.

The \$1.3 million renovation included 12,000 square-feet of finished space and 9,200 square-feet of high bay learning labs. There are 12 new offices, eight new classrooms, an electrical lab and a computer lab.

At the ribbon-cutting this morning, President Foster also introduced Dr. Tim Brower with CU-Boulder. Dr. Brower is the director of the mechanical engineering program delivered at Mesa state. He was formerly the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, where he taught for 11 years with seven years as department chair.

He has a Ph.D. in Space Fluid Mechanics from CSU, a Master’s in Mechanical Engineering from Montana State University and a BS in General Engineering from Idaho State University. Dr. Brower also worked as an Aerodynamics/Aerophysics Systems Engineer for the Lockheed Martin Corporation where he was lead engineer for all fluid and aerodynamic steady and dynamic analyses of launch vehicles encompassing subsonic and supersonic flight regimes.

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