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Electrician Apprenticeship Program Comes to Northglenn

(Northglenn, CO) With fewer people entering the trade professions and a building boom in the Denver area, there is a shortage of skilled trade workers, including electricians. One local electrical company explained the shortage by saying electricians are retiring at double the rate of people entering the profession. The Independent Electrical Contractors Rocky Mountain (IECRM) has a solution, they purchased the 26,000 square foot building at 11429 Pearl Street in Northglenn for \$1.3 million and plan to turn it into a school campus to provide apprenticeship training to aspiring electricians. The additional \$2.6 million investment IECRM will make will include construction and equipment in the building. When the school welcomes its first class in August, it will have the capacity to accommodate more than 250 students per night, and will employ eight full-time, and 35 part-time instructors.

"The city is very pleased to welcome IECRM and their students to Northglenn. We appreciate the investment they are making in assuring a healthy work force and look forward to building a good working relationship with them," said Mayor Joyce Downing. "The training program IECRM is offering is invaluable and necessary to sustain economic growth in the metro area," said Debbie Tuttle, Northglenn Economic Development Manager. "The program will provide job skills that will last a lifetime and help people earn a living wage, while simultaneously increasing the supply of electricians needed. It's truly win/win."

"IECRM is very excited to be welcomed into the City of Northglenn. We have been a part of the Adams County community for more than 18 years in our current location and look forward to continuing that relationship as we expand our capacity to serve the industry and create opportunities for the next generation electrician from our new home in Northglenn," said Marilyn Akers Stansbury, CEO of IECRM.

IECRM is a trade association for the electrical contracting and renewable energy industry. It represents over 200 member companies responsible for \$2B annually, and educating over 1,100 electrical apprentices and licensed electricians annually. IECRM Career College is recognized by the US DOL Office of Apprenticeship (OA), and approved and regulated by The Colorado Department of Higher Education, Division of Private Occupational Schools Board. IECRM also has a campus in Loveland, CO and offers live, online instruction for remote students. For more information on IECRM, to enroll in classes, or join as a member, please visit www.iecrm.org.

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