

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Construction of an Oil & Gas Demonstration Wellhead Assembly Site and Equipment for Simulated-Based Learning for Industrial Technology and Energy Studies and Oil & Gas Programs project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Aim Local College District DBA Aims Community College, located at 5401 West 20th Street, Greeley, Colorado 80632.

The funding would be used to enhance experiential learning for students in Aims Community College's Industrial Technology and Energy Studies (ITES) and Oil & Gas (O&G) programs to bolster workforce development in Northern Colorado. This project would construct and install a full wellhead assembly to serve as a demonstration site for students to gain valuable hands-on training experience. This project also invests in innovative educational equipment to expand the current capabilities of the classrooms and laboratories to incorporate simulation-based learning to meet current industry needs. Aims is located in Weld County, which produces 83% of oil and 56% of natural gas in Colorado. This project will better prepare students and community members to pursue high-paying jobs in the energy and manufacturing industries in our region, which face chronic workforce shortages. By aligning workforce development with regional industry needs on the Front Range, this initiative will provide lasting benefits for students, employers, and the broader economy.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Gabe Evans
Member of Congress