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To: Members of the IAC & NE State Societies

Dr. Raymond Hintz and I have been working on the surveying technology program under the presumption that the funding contract will be signed in November 2002 and the Dean and Director will authorize faculty and surveyors to begin recruiting for the surveying technology program. The name of the surveying program will be the original name of the surveying program with the addition of "technology" (i.e., Surveying Engineering Technology or SVT) The following have been completed on the SVT program:

\*A draft curriculum has been prepared. The curriculum has been crafted to: 1) meet ABET/TAC requirements, 2) comply with surveyor licensing requirements in the state of Maine, 3) meet the needs of employers, and 4) provide maximum flexibility for transfer from two-year New England surveying programs.

\*A meeting of New England surveying faculty has been set for January. Faculty from New England two-year surveying programs will meet with SVT faculty to begin preparing articulation agreements.

\*A newsletter has been prepared to update New England surveyors on the status of the surveying engineering technology program.

\*Requirements for an SVT minor have been prepared.

\*Tracks or concentrations within the surveying engineering technology program have been prepared. This will help entice students to the program and help students structure their studies to their interests in surveying practice.

\*Faculty resumes have been posted on the web.

\*Course initiation forms have been prepared.

\*A writing intensive course has been designated.

\*Prospective IAC members have been identified and contacted to see if they would volunteer.

\*The catalog description has been prepared.

\*A recruiting plan utilizing surveyors is being prepared. Local surveyors will be visiting high schools throughout New England to educate high school students about surveying and the advantages of enrolling in the University of Maine surveying engineering technology program.

\*Cooperative arrangements have been made with forestry to share resources, courses, and faculty.

- \*A strategic plan is being developed.
- \*A continuous improvement plan has almost been completed.
- \*A draft SVT Fact Sheet has been prepared.
- \*A surveying equipment purchase and maintenance plan has been prepared.
- \*A draft faculty announcement has been written.
- \*A web page has been created (<http://www.umaine.edu/set/svt/>). The web page contains considerable information on the proposed program.

The SET peer committee has reviewed the credentials of Dr. Raymond Hintz and approved his transfer. Once the program has been approved, documentation will be submitted to the SET faculty for review and approval.

As part of the IAC or state society, your feedback is critical toward improving the program. Please inform Ray Hintz or myself if you have any ideas, comments, or concerns. Your support is critical in developing a vibrant and quality surveying program.