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## ***Press Release***

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### **Students at Waldo County Tech Center Ace Lighting Lesson**

*Electrical Students Install Energy Efficient Lights*

Augusta, MAINE (June 13, 2005) – Electrical students at Waldo County Technical Center (WCTC) aced their assignment to improve lighting in the school’s shops. They were responsible for all phases of the project from design to installation and worked under the supervision of Technical Instructor Herb Benecke and two area electricians. Benecke chose this assignment for his class because he was concerned about poor lighting quality due to years of welding and diesel fumes in the school’s shops.

As part of their plan, students proposed using new energy efficient lighting and retrofitting outdated equipment. Benecke learned of cash incentives available through the Efficiency Maine Business Program from Gilman Electric. Students completed the applications and received \$7,825 in cash incentives for installing the energy efficient lighting. Benecke remarked, “With school budgets as tight as they are, the incentives made a big difference.”

Working with students were the experts from Gilman Electric, a Program Ally of the Efficiency Maine Business Program. Program Allies are vendors and contractors that work with Efficiency Maine to promote and install energy efficient electric equipment that meet program guidelines. To learn more about what projects qualify under the program, or Program Allies, call 1-866-376-2463 or visit the Web site at [www.energymaine.com](http://www.energymaine.com).

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