

## **CED GROUNDWORKS ARTICLE – Steve Johnson**

### **AED Foundation Board Visits North Dakota State College of Science**



**(Back Row L-R): Steve Johnson, Mike Festing-Smith, John Crum, Bob Henderson, Roy Kern, Dale Vaughn, Walter Berry, Duane Wilder, Dennis Kruepke, Mike Hinrichsen, Don Shilling (Front Row L-R): Dr. John Richman, Tim Kramer, Gary Bridwell, Toby Mack, Mike Hayes**

On July 20-21, 2011, The AED Foundation Board of Directors had its summer meeting in Fargo, ND. Guests at the meeting included Mr. Dennis Kruepke, Chairman of The AED Board of Directors, and Mr. Don Shilling, a past Chairman of the Foundation Board.

A highlight of the meeting was a visit to North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS) in Wahpeton, ND, hosted by College President and Foundation Board Member Dr. John Richman and Mr. Terry Marohl, Chairman of the Diesel Technology Department. The General and CAT Dealer Service Technology programs at NDSCS are AED Accredited diesel/equipment college degree programs.

Highly noteworthy as a recent development, the state of North Dakota has approved funding for a new \$10MM addition to the department's facilities. This not only will facilitate improved shop, lab and classroom areas, but provides the space needed to substantially grow the diesel/equipment programs.

A tour of the program facilities led by Mr. Marohl provided an opportunity for Board members to see what a top flight diesel/equipment technology program looks like. During discussions, Dr. Richman and Mr. Marohl spoke to the many varied challenges facing technical colleges and programs today, and how critical industry support is to these programs. By working together, technical programs can be developed that serve

the best interests of students, and at the same time meet the needs of industry stakeholders.

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**North Dakota State College of Science Faculty and Staff Meeting Participants  
(L-R): Clay Jensen, Vivian Bernotas, Terry Marohl, Dr. John Richman, Jenny Schmitt, and Dr. Gloria Dohman**