

## Colleges: Affordability critical factor at College of Technology

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In May, MSU-Great Falls hopes to install a new wind turbine on campus that will be part of its wind-energy technology degree offerings. MSU-Great Falls will work with other universities around the state to develop their wind energy programs.

The 2009 Montana Legislature provided funds for MSU-Great Falls to turn its 10,000 square foot basement into a simu-

lated hospital on which Schaffer hopes construction will begin soon.

While still in the development stage, the college is moving forward with plans for a child-development center on campus, which long has been a request of many student-parents. Pacific Steel and Recycling made a large donation and the Legislature provided some funding, but Schaffer said an additional \$500,000 is needed to complete the facility.

"Because affordability is a critical decision factor in whether students enroll at college or not, we will not likely look to students to pay a larger share or bring new resources to the table," Schaffer said. "But don't let that fool you into thinking there won't be new things happening at the college in 2010."

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# TOP EMPLOYERS IN GREAT FALLS

## PRIVATE SECTOR

Rank	Employer	Address	Business Type	Employees
1	Benefits Health System	1101 26th St. S.	Health care services	2,550
2	Great Falls Clinic	1400 29th St. S.	Health care services	563
3	N.E.W. Customer Services Cos.	321 Central Ave.	Service plan service center	580
4	Wal-Mart	702 Smelter Ave. N.E.	Retailer	487
5	Missouri River Care and Rehabilitation	1130 17th Ave. S.	Nursing and rehabilitation	280
6	Albertson's	2250 10th Ave. S./1414 3rd St. N.W.	Grocery store	261
7	Easter Seals - Goodwill	4400 Central Ave.	Services for people with disabilities	243
9	D A Davidson & Co.	8 3rd St. N.	Financial services, travel	237
10	McDonald's	1721 10th Ave. S./2000 14th St. S.W./1710 3rd St. N.W.	Restaurant	220
			Convenience stores, hotels, casinos	215
			Mental health services	214
			Restaurants	210
			Services for people with disabilities	205
			Insurance services	190
			Hotel	187
			Newspaper and printing	156