

Seven Inmates graduate from C-Tech Network Cabling Program

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A Workplace – Community Transition Training for the Incarcerated Youthful Offender Grant provided approximately \$40,000 toward the purchase of equipment to certify eligible inmates from the Community Corrections Center—Lincoln (CCCL) in the C-Tech Cabling program facilitated by the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. Eligible inmates must be 25 years of age or younger, possess a high school diploma or GED, and be within five years of release or parole eligibility. Seven inmates received certification today as Network Cabling Specialists.

The grant monies also supported the certification of Jerry Rotschafer, the trainer at CCCL, and the training supplies. The C-Tech coursework focused on proper tool use and construction techniques, industry standards, troubleshooting and repair on systems that are the basis of today's networking, cable TV and satellite communications systems. It focused on copper-based and fiber-optics systems.

The C-Tech training program is an on-going program at the Nebraska Department of Corrections that aims to provide marketable skills and prepare inmates to return to the community. Correctional agencies, housing authorities, and job corps in several other states also utilize the C-Tech training program.

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