

## NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

The request for funding will be utilized for transporting six to ten Northern Cheyenne members from Lame Deer, MT to Colstrip, MT a 60 mile round trip, to attend 288 hours pre-apprenticeship training conducted by Boilermaker's Local Union 11 instructors. The pre-apprenticeship training will include hands- on welding and welding safety, taught by certified instructors. The request for funding is to cover the cost of transporting the trainees to and from the training facility. The welding pre-apprenticeship training is being offered to the Northern Cheyenne at no charge. The training program will operate five days a week for an estimated ten week period. The following details the breakdown of the transportation cost:

### Leased bus services from the Northern Cheyenne:

\$42.00 per day in mileage @ 50 days	\$ 2,100.00
\$39.00 per day for driver fees @ 50 days	1,950.00
Liability Insurance for the training duration	1,500.00
Cost of fuel @ 60 miles per day for 50 days	1,468.00
<u>Total estimated cost</u>	<u>\$ 7,018.00</u>

### JUSTIFICATION:

1. The training will provide Northern Cheyenne Tribal members the opportunity to obtain industry recognized welding skills and enhance their future employment opportunities with the pending Otter Creek coal development on tribal property.
2. There will be no charge or fees levied by the Boilermakers Local Union 11 to the Northern Cheyenne for the cost of the training. Successful graduates of the pre-apprenticeship training program will also be given advanced placement opportunity to enter into the Boilermakers registered apprenticeship program.
3. Instructor expenses incurred by Boilermakers Local Union 11 amount to \$32.66 an hour in wages and \$23.00 an hour in benefits. At \$55.66 an hour for 288 hours of training, the Boilermakers will be providing \$16,030.00 in instructor cost per participant. This cost does not include the cost of using the facility, the equipment and welding supplies/materials that will be provided by Boilermakers Local Union 11.
4. This type of specialized training is not available in the immediate geographical area. To obtain this type of training, tribal members would have to commute to either Glendive or Billings, which would be triple the cost of transportation and would also include the cost of the actual training.
5. Pending agreement by PPL-MT from whom the Boilermakers lease their training property an opportunity for Northern Cheyenne Tribal members to utilize multiple heavy equipment simulator training provided by the Operating Engineers Local 400 will be also be available to tribal member participants at no cost.
6. The Northern Cheyenne Tribe has the necessary transportation but does not have the financial resources to provide for the operations of this project. Funding the required transportation cost for this project will effectively provide training and employment opportunities for tribal members that otherwise would be non-existent.