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AUTHORITY TO APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF **EDUCATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE ASSOCIATE** OF APPLIED SCIENCE: MICROELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY: SOLAR VOLTAIC MANUFACTURING

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REPORT:

The proposed AAS degree is an option to the existing AAS in Microelectronics Technology. The program is designed to prepare individuals for a career in solar cell manufacturing. Graduates will monitor, evaluate, and troubleshoot the process of silicon transformation into ingots, wafers, and solar cells used to generate electricity for solar panels. The Microelectronics Technology Advisory Board has approved the implementation of the degree. The courses were developed in cooperation with

employers. Internships will be available to students through the industry sector. Fifty-three credit hours will

apply to a four-year baccalaureate degree in

Manufacturing or Electrical Engineering Technology at

the Oregon Institute of Technology.

RECOMMENDATION: That the college be authorized to submit an application to the Oregon State Board of Education for an Associate of Applied Science degree in Microelectronics Technology: Solar Voltaic Manufacturing Technology.