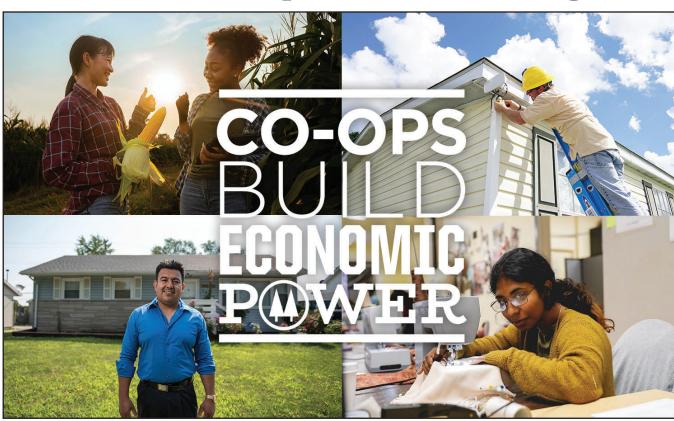
## NDAREC observes Co-op Month with grand opening

The North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC) unveiled the new, 26,337-square-Lineworker Training Center and NDAREC headquarters facility at a grand reopening event on Friday, Oct. 14.

"The new Lineworker Training Center stands as a testament of the cooperative electric commitment to our current and future workforce, to meeting the needs of our industry and, above all, powering the lives of our members and the communities we serve," says Josh Kramer, NDAREC general manager and executive vice president.

The newly constructed 26,337-square-foot Lineworker Training training for students and students to prac-



year-round tunities for lineworkers ed in the facility.

44-foot ceiling clear- Driver's License (CDL)

Owned by NDAREC of Bismarck State Col- tice skills required for and its members, the lege's (BSC) lineworker the construction and training center is leased program and the elec- maintenance of over- by BSC to offer the linetric cooperative work- head and underground worker program. Since force. The facility boasts electrical infrastructure. 1970, this public-private an 18,000-square-foot Two classrooms for in- partnership has trained and 50-foot walls with tor room for Commercial apprentice lineworkers.

Economic Development says. Administration (EDA) the total project costs.

doubled down on their cooperatives. A major spirit is alive and well."

NDAREC's member- commitment to improv-Center will provide en- ance, providing oppor- training are also includ- cooperatives provided ing the quality of life of industry," Kramer says. critical support for the the people they serve by training center, and a \$4 reinvesting in this criti- National Co-op Month million grant from the cal workforce," Kramer in October, cooperative

The covered about 70% of NDAREC headquarters tives — is a guiding refacility was designed to minder that, together, "North Dakota's elec- meet the future needs of we can accomplish great indoor training arena struction and a simula- more than 1,700 skilled tric cooperatives have North Dakota's electric things. The cooperative

highlight of the building is the Cooperative Center, which offers flexible education, training and meeting spaces with improved technology. Adorned with floor-toceiling artwork, video monitors and displays, the Cooperative Center tells the story of North Dakota's electric cooperatives and shares the cooperative principles and values that guide their work. Two electric vehicle charging stations have also been

installed for future use. "For more than 80 years, North Dakota's cooperatives have evolved to meet the needs of their members. These investments show that, as cooperatives, we are focused on the future and ready to meet the challenges ahead for our "And, as we celebrate principle No. 6 — cooprenovated eration among coopera-

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