Ticket Information:

1. The Plumbing consortium met on March 13th, 2012 to discuss changes in the current plumbing diploma program. It was agreed to change the plumbing program to add a pipefitting specialization to the diploma. The name of the program would also change to Plumbing and Pipefitting diploma.

2. Several new courses were created for the pipefitting specialization. They are PLBG 1340: Pipefitting Tools and Techniques, PLBG 1350: Oxy Fuel Techniques for Pipefitters, PLBG 1360: Threaded Pipe Fabrication, PLBG 1370: Pipe Fabrication I, PLBG 1380: Pipe Fabrication II, and PLBG 1400: Steel Pipe Assembly.

3. For those colleges who wish to continue with just the plumbing specialization, only minor changes were made to this program. Instead of a list of plumbing electives to choose 6 credit hours from, PLBG 1070: Physical Science and Mechanics for the Pipe Trades, and PLBG 1500: Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control are now required courses. No other changes to this program specialization are recommended.

4. The Probe closed on July 18, 2012. While only four colleges currently offer the existing Plumbing diploma program, no colleges voted in this probe. However, since three of the four colleges that offer the existing plumbing diploma program were instrumental in developing the revised program, the revised PL12, Plumbing/ Pipefitting Technology Diploma program (Version 201216) will be submitted to the State Board for approval. The Board date is expected to be August 2, 2012.

5. Colleges will have until Fall Semester 2013 to convert to the new version.