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Finger Lakes WIRED Issues Two Requests for Proposals Organization Seeks to Fund Science and Technology Youth Programs and Initiatives for increasing Employment, Advancement and Job Retention

Rochester NY—December 13, 2006—Finger Lakes WIRED, www.fingerlakeswired.com, today issued two new Requests for Proposal (RFPs) for programs that will strengthen the region's workforce environment.

"We will award a total of \$350,000 to organizations to implement the programs selected," said Matthew C. Hurlbutt, Managing Director of Finger Lakes WIRED. "The programs we will support will address two of our organization's top mandates: 1) empowering our region's youth to be able to compete in the changing global economy; and 2) increasing employment, advancement and job retention for individuals in the Finger Lakes Region."

The regional organization is led by a strong team of business, investor, entrepreneurial, philanthropic, government and academic leaders who share a vision to transform the Finger Lakes region into a premier place in which to innovate, one that invests in entrepreneurial operations, and educate workers, empowering them to be agile, adaptable, and aligned with global opportunities.

Requests for Proposals

Initiatives for increasing Employment, Advancement and Job Retention RFP

The Finger Lakes Partnership is looking for innovative solutions 1) that integrate existing resources in new and different ways, and 2) partner with the business sector; creating a model targeted at job identification, preparation and placement, advancement. It is critical that this model can be replicated throughout the region.

Proposals should present a new perspective of how a creative collaboration between existing agencies, programs and/or institutions could be delivered in an innovative model. For example, proposing a new job placement and advancement strategy where organizations collaborate with other complimentary regional resources. This may include staffing firms, community colleges, adult education and literacy providers, private educators/trainers, career centers and career and technical education providers.

An information Session on this RFP will be held Friday, January 5, 2007 from 1 to 2 PM in Room 301 at 150 State Street, Rochester, NY. Questions and

answers from that informational session will be posted on this Web site following the session.

Proposals are due by 12 Noon, Friday, January 19, 2007.

Science and Technology Program RFP for 6th – 8th Graders, Young Women and Minorities

The Finger Lakes Partnership is seeking proposals for programs that will expand the offerings of Science and Technology camp-like programs for 6th thru 8th graders that 1) attract the region's youth to explore the possibilities linked to studies in the Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), 2) that will inspire parents and educators to encourage pursuit of STEM educational choices for young people, and 3) that will enhance awareness of not only STEM career options; but awareness of the Finger Lakes Region as a premier locale for a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics career opportunities.

Proposals are due by 12 p.m. on Friday, January 12, 2007.

For RFPs, Requirements and Instructions See:

www.fingerlakeswired.com

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Finger Lakes WIRED (Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development) is one of 13 designated WIRED regions in the country funded by the U. S. Department of Labor to support economic development and transform regional economies. Finger Lakes WIRED initiatives focus on a nine-county region (Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates counties) surrounding Rochester N.Y., to increase entrepreneurship and innovation, expand employment, advance opportunities for workers, and enhance the talent of the workforce through the creation of high-skill and high-wage opportunities.

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