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New Regional Internship Program Will Connect Educators and Employers this Summer

Applications from educators and employers now being accepted

Rochester, NY –February 13, 2007-- Finger Lakes Wired www.fingerlakeswired.com will sponsor its first Educator Internship Program this summer to increase educators' awareness and understanding of today's workplace including what skills and education are required for in-demand careers.

Kathleen D. Raniewicz, Wired Educator Internship Project Lead said, "By creating new linkages and dialogue between teachers and school districts and high-tech and emerging industries and employers in the region, we expect this project to have a very positive impact on students."

Up to 30 educators will be selected to spend four weeks at employers in emerging industries including optics and imaging, biotechnology and life science, food and agriculture, advanced manufacturing, alternative energy, information technology, engineering, business services and health care.

Employers in those industries that can provide work opportunities are encouraged to apply now.

The paid internships start July 16 and continue through August 10, 2007. Educators will receive a stipend of \$475 per week. Employers are eligible for a reimbursement of 50% of the stipend paid per week, for a total of \$950 for four weeks.

Educators who work in schools or classrooms serving grades K through 12, throughout the nine-county region (Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates) are eligible to apply. Applications are due by April 6, 2007.

The program is being organized by Finger Lakes Wired partners including the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, the Genesee Livingston Orleans Wyoming Workforce Investment Board, the Rochester Area Career Education Collaborative (a

Monroe #1 BOCES program), RochesterWorks, and high tech employers and educators in the Finger Lakes region.

For more information

Applications and details on the program can be found at www.fingerlakeswired.com.

Questions may be directed to Kathleen D. Raniewicz, Wired Educator Internship Project Lead, at (585) 249-7067 or kathleen_raniewicz@boces.monroe.edu.

[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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