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## **Wired Internship Program to Connect Educators and Employers this Summer** **Applications from educators now being accepted**

*Rochester, NY—April 9, 2009* --Finger Lakes Wired is currently accepting applications for the 2009 Educator Internship Program. This is the third year for the program, which helps educators better understand today's workplace, including the skills and educational requirements for in-demand careers.

Up to 30 educators will be selected to spend two days at businesses in optics and imaging, life sciences, food and agriculture, advanced manufacturing, information technology, or health care. Educators will then work for two days in teams to develop presentations for use with their students.

The program will be held August 3 through August 6, 2009. Participating educators will earn 30 professional development hours and receive a \$320 stipend.

Educators (school counselors, school-to-career coordinators, math teachers, science teachers, technology teachers, business teachers, or vocational education teachers) who work in schools or classrooms serving youth ages 16 and older throughout the nine-county region (Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates) are eligible to apply. Applications are due by May 1, 2009.

The program is also seeking employers to host worksite visits for small teams of educators and to discuss industry trends, skill expectations, career information, and employment practices.

For additional details and to download an application, visit [www.fingerlakeswired.com](http://www.fingerlakeswired.com) or contact Kathleen D. Raniewicz at (585) 249-7067 or [kathleen\\_raniewicz@boces.monroe.edu](mailto:kathleen_raniewicz@boces.monroe.edu).

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