

Purpose:

To provide educators with the opportunity to increase their knowledge of area businesses, their workforce needs, and current workplace trends.

Learning Objectives:

At completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Describe the day to day operations of the companies visited
- Report technological advances observed
- List employment opportunities, job descriptions, qualifications needed, and the application process
- Determine how to most effectively use the information gathered for future curriculum opportunities

Learning Activities:

The course includes onsite visits to employers in the Greater Binghamton area. Each session is complete with an orientation, a tour of the facility, a question and answer period, and a weekly facilitated workforce trends workshops.

Program Expectations:

We realize how important it is for educators to offer a real world approach to your students. The Building Bridges Program helps you accomplish that goal. Through this seven week program, we offer you the chance to experience first hand our local, successful businesses in a wide variety of industries.

BOCES ENDORSEMENT:

As BOCES fully endorses the Building Bridges program, BOCES aid is available to all participating school districts.

Logistics

- 7 class meetings from September 29 through December 15, 2010
- Meeting about every other Wednesday (alternating morning and afternoon) at different sites (*light refreshments provided*)
- Please build travel time into your schedule as the sessions need to begin promptly at the start time
- Wear comfortable shoes (no open toes)
- Private vehicles will be used for the site visits
- Course will be limited to 20 participants
- Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis

Schedule and Site Locations:

- September 29, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Entrepreneurs Session with BlueStorm Technologies, ETM Solar Works and On Point Productions
- October 13, 2010 from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.: Government Session with County Executive and Legislators, Economic Development and GIS
- October 27, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Healthcare Session at Good Shepherd Village at Endwell
- November 3, 2010 from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.: Broadcasting/Communications Session at WSKG Public Broadcasting
- November 17, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Simulation Industry Session at Binghamton Simulator Co.
- December 1, 2010 from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.: Manufacturing Session at Emerson Network Power
- December 15, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Green Careers Session at Delta Engineers

Fees/Credit

Fee-\$199.00/person-includes all materials and applicable credit hours (*17 hours recertification credit or 1.7 CEU's offered through BCC - Not applicable to BOCES or district personnel*)

Payment

Please detach, complete, and return with payment to:

*Greater Binghamton Education Outreach
Program (GBEOP)
P.O. Box 995
Binghamton, New York 13902-0995*

Or fax to: (607) 722-4513

Name: _____
School: _____
Address: _____

Title: _____
Business Phone: _____
Home Phone: _____
Email Address: _____
U.S. Citizen: _____ Yes _____ No

By registering for Building Bridges, I hereby authorize my name, photograph, and statements be released by GBEOP for publicity purposes.

Payment Options:

_____ Districts may submit an additional request for service (arfs) through Broome Tioga BOCES Regional Professional Development Office. Please follow typical professional development approvals for your district. This is eligible for coser aid as a BOCES service.

_____ All others: Check payable to GBEOP

Questions? Call Amy Shaw
(607) 772-8863 ext. 313

◆ If the class reaches capacity, contact me for the next session. (check if appropriate)

Testimonial

"After completing the program, the team at Vestal School felt that it exceeded expectations. It gave educators an insight into the operations of some of this region's most prominent employers. Not only did we receive a bird's eye view of internal operations, we obtained a comprehensive overview about the employment needs of each facility. Interactive dialogues focused on required skill sets, educational preparation and the diverse range of existing job opportunities. The Building Bridges initiative provided invaluable information to educators that will assist us as we counsel and guide our students. Most importantly, it established a framework for on-going discussions and mutual interaction."

Richard A. Bucci,
Director of Professional Development & Curriculum, Vestal Central Schools

GBEOP History, Mission & Vision

The Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce initiated the formation of a separate, non-profit, educational-based organization that better serves the needs of a dynamic 21st century economic environment.

The mission of the Greater Binghamton Education Outreach Program (GBEOP) is building bridges between schools, businesses and leaders within the Greater Binghamton community to promote technical and professional career development for current and future workforce participants.

The (GBEOP) recognizes that the link between workforce preparedness and our area's economic competitiveness is critical. We need to continue to create a "talent pipeline" in our community through a business-education partnership.

This is accomplished through GBEOP programs that:

- a) Transform/enhance teaching and learning with real-world, 21st century skills (Junior Achievement Program)
- b) Develop community leadership (Broome Leadership Institute Program)
- c) Ensure that our local educational institutions are aligned with the workforce needs of local businesses (Building Bridges Program)



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