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Unlock the door to better employment

Arapahoe/Douglas WORKS! upgrades worker skills in Aerospace, Energy, Information Technology and Bioscience industries

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, Colo. --- Workers who have been laid off, are finding jobs in their area of expertise dwindling, or have realized that their skills aren't quite landing them the job of their dreams, can now enroll in the Expert Technician Academy. The Academy will upgrade worker skills and increase earning potential in key industries, such as Aerospace, Energy, Information Technology and Bioscience.

Developed in partnership with Arapahoe/Douglas WORKS!, Arapahoe Community College and Douglas County School District, the Academy addresses technician shortages specific to these industries and creates a sustainable pipeline of home-grown, highly-trained workers to meet local demand. Many industry partners are providing internships and/or job placement upon successful completion of the program.

The Information Technology module starts in August. Scholarships are available for those who qualify under the Workforce Investment Act. Attend an information session at one of the following locations to learn more:

- 7 p.m., July 9: University Center at Chaparral, 15653 Brookstone Drive, Parker 80134
- 2 p.m., July 10: University Center at Chaparral, 15653 Brookstone Drive, Parker 80134
- 2 p.m., July 15: Arapahoe/Douglas WORKS!, 5500 E. Quebec Street, Suite 175, Greenwood Village

"Sometimes a jobseeker only needs to tweak their occupation's specific skills to prepare them for a rewarding career in a growing industry," said Joe Barela, A/D WORKS! Division Manager. "Other individuals may need to learn basic skills through specialized training to better prepare them for a great career with advancement potential."

The Expert Technician Academy will not only help develop a more skilled and desirable local workforce, but also will encourage companies to remain in Colorado or relocate here because of the industry-ready workforce.

Space is limited to 50 participants for classes starting in August. Applications are due by Aug. 1. For more information, contact Susan Meek, Expert Technician Academy Coordinator at 720-971-9830 or Susan.Meek@dcsdk12.org or visit <http://schools.dcsdk12.org/eta>.

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