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CyberSpring MKE is Connecting High School Students to Careers in IT

--Students will be trained this spring and be on their way to a career in IT by summer--

MILWAUKEE – CyberSpring MKE will provide 15 high school students from the Milwaukee Academy of Science, with 16 weeks of information technology (IT) training, resulting in the sought-after industry-recognized CompTIA A+ credential, preparing them for post-secondary education or employment in the IT industry, upon completion. The training will be coupled with an eight-week job readiness and financial literacy training, as well as an eight-week project-based work experience. The program has the support of employers with current openings in IT, including Attivo Technologies, Circle 1Network, Hi-Tech Communications and Office of the Milwaukee County Executive. Currently, there are more than 2,400 IT job openings in metropolitan Milwaukee.

CyberSpring MKE is truly a collaborative effort among workforce partners, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, Milwaukee Urban League, Employ Milwaukee, and the Milwaukee Area Workforce Funding Alliance (MAWFA), the grantee for the initiative. The Boys and Girls Clubs and Milwaukee Urban League will provide joint case management for the young people from now through their summer work experience, concluding in August 2018.

“We are excited to be a partner in CyberSpring MKE! By providing job readiness and financial literacy training to these talented young people, in addition to the IT training they are receiving, we are creating a formula for success,” said Vincent Lyles, President & CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee.

“This is an excellent example of workforce partners using innovation and collaboration to provide opportunities for Milwaukee’s young people to become highly successful,” said Eve Hall, President & CEO, Milwaukee Urban League. “Through ongoing case management, these students will receive dedicated support as they navigate the process of obtaining a career in IT.”



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Through Employ Milwaukee’s Summer Jobs and Beyond grant, students will be paid for a portion of the training and work experience for the final eight weeks of the program. This valuable work experience will introduce the students to expectations that come with permanent employment.

“CyberSpring MKE perfectly fits our mission of developing a pipeline of workers for companies across southeastern Wisconsin. We are pleased to be able to leverage funds to provide students with paid training and work experience. Labor market projections tell us there is incredible opportunity in the IT industry now and in the future. We are deeply committed to making sure our young people have access to limitless potential and opportunities,” said Earl Buford, President and CEO, Employ Milwaukee.

“I would like to sincerely thank the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development for funding this important short-term IT training opportunity for our young people,” said Tim McMurtry, Executive Director, Milwaukee Area Workforce Funding Alliance. “With this funding, we will be able to open doors into a high growth industry for 15 high school students with a propensity for IT. The investment in our community’s future is immeasurable.”

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