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Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas and InterLink, Inc. Launch Teacher Externship Program to Shape Future Workforce Leaders

Dallas, TX – Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas and InterLink, Inc. have launched a transformative Teacher Externship Program designed to strengthen Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Dallas County with similar programs also offered by Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County (WSTC) and Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas (WSNCT). The program, which runs from June 9 through June 27, provides educators with firsthand industry experience to bridge the gap between classroom learning and workforce expectations.

Funded by a grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), this initiative empowers CTE teachers and counselors from across the region to connect curriculum with current labor market demands—ultimately equipping students with the skills they need to succeed in today’s economy.

“This partnership with Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas is an investment in our educators, our students, and the future of our workforce,” said Daphne Kent, President and CEO of InterLink, Inc. “By giving teachers direct access to industry environments, we’re equipping them with the tools necessary to inspire the next generation of skilled professionals.”

A total of 61 educators from 11 school districts and charter schools—including Dallas ISD, Mesquite ISD, Grand Prairie ISD, Garland ISD, and Richardson ISD—are participating in the program. These educators are matched with 36 top employers, such as Omni Dallas, UNT Dallas, Capital One, Children’s Health, The Assurance Group, and The Westin DFW, among others.

“We are proud of the real-world knowledge these externships are bringing to our dedicated educators,” said Ashlee Verner, Interim President and CEO of Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas. “Their experiences will directly benefit thousands of students and help shape the future leaders of our workforce.”

Each participating teacher is expected to impact more than 100 students by bringing back insights, professional connections, and practical understanding of industry needs—providing a meaningful bridge between education and employment.

The Teacher Externship Program is part of a broader effort to align education with the rapidly evolving demands of the workforce, ensuring students graduate not only with knowledge, but with a clear path to high-skill, high-demand careers.

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About Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas

Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas drives economic growth through effective workforce development initiatives. Collaborating with stakeholders, we empower individuals and contribute to Greater Dallas's economic prosperity. Our mission is to provide competitive solutions for employers through quality talent and ensure quality jobs for individuals. Recognized locally and nationally as a best-in-class workforce system, we engage employers, offer premier solutions, provide comprehensive employment services for job seekers, and convene critical community workforce dialogues essential for economic development. Visit wfsdallas.com to learn more about its services and be part of Greater Dallas's future workforce development. Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers, and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and its services in coordination with its local workforce development boards network, call 800-628-5115 or visit <https://twc.texas.gov/>. Subscribe to email updates to receive notifications about TWC programs and services.

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