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DALLAS COUNTY, Texas (March 26, 2025) –Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas (WFSDallas) is excited to announce the launch of its innovative Teacher Externship Program, designed to enhance Career and Technical Education (CTE) across middle and high schools in Dallas County. This initiative, supported by grant funding from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), will provide CTE teachers and counselors with valuable hands-on experience to bridge the gap between classroom theory and practical industry skills.

The program will offer externships to up to 75 educators, focusing on high-demand sectors such as Aerospace, Business Administration, Construction, Hospitality, Logistics, and Manufacturing. Over the course of the externship, teachers will participate in 20-hour experiences (five days, four hours each) at participating Dallas County companies. These externships will allow educators to observe daily operations, understand key industry skills, and collaborate with professionals to refine their curriculum, ensuring it aligns with current industry needs.

By participating in the externship program, local businesses can play a critical role in shaping the future workforce by helping educators bring real-world insights back to the classroom. Businesses interested in hosting an externship can apply through the provided link: [Externship Application for Businesses](#)

Teachers and counselors who join the program will receive a stipend and gain invaluable insights into the operations of local businesses. This experience will empower them to guide students toward fulfilling and in-demand career paths.

Interested CTE educators and counselors can apply here: [Externship Application for Teachers and Counselors](#)

“Teacher Externships provide a fantastic opportunity for businesses to showcase their operations to educators, who are key influencers in students’ career decisions. The hands-on experience allows teachers to bring relevant, industry-aligned content back into the classroom, benefiting both students and employers,” said Steven Bridges, Industry Communications Manager, WFSDallas.

The Teacher Externship Grant is being executed through a strategic partnership between WFSDallas and InterLink, Inc., with similar programs also offered by Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County (WSTC) and Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas (WSNCT).

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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 www.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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