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CareerSource Tampa Bay announces an IT Sector Consortium

~Goal is to understand needs of business community and find solutions~

TAMPA, FL – CareerSource Tampa Bay (CSTB) is bringing together industry leaders in the Tampa and Hillsborough County region. The **Information Technology Consortium** will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2020 in a virtual setting using Zoom. The consortium will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

If you would like to take part in the one of the Consortiums, please contact Mario Rodriquez at 813.397.2029 or email at rodriquezm@careersourcetampabay.com.

The Information Technology Consortium is being held in an effort to understand the needs of the IT business community. CSTB plans to meet with various industry sectors throughout the year, after the IT Consortium was rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I think it is important for us to hear what these various sectors of our economy are telling us,” said CSTB CEO John Flanagan. “We will take the information, work with our education partners and come up with a plan to improve our workforce in the Tampa Bay Region.”

Industry Sector Consortiums are the vehicles through which industry members voice their human resource needs and where regional solutions for workers and businesses can be determined. The Consortiums will allow a regional, industry-focused approach to build a skilled workforce aligning resources and addressing the talent needs of employers.

“CareerSource Tampa Bay used to serve our business community by dividing up the county by regions”, said Dan Schneckenburger, CSTB Business Services Director. “We think it makes more sense to allocate our resources by industry sectors like information technology, and healthcare along with others. We believe we’ll be able to get a better sense of the needs in the industry sectors we serve.”

Tech Quest Apprenticeship has partnered to help businesses in communities across the country from a variety of sectors, expanding their workforce in high-demand hard to fill tech related positions. They will also begin the research with our training providers on any apprenticeship programs that exist in this region.

Apprenticeships are no longer limited to the trades. Today, apprenticeships are being used across high-demand fields including healthcare, advanced manufacturing, biotechnology, and information technology.

These consortiums are led by businesses within a critical industry cluster. The goal is to work collaboratively with CSTB, educational partners, economic development and community organizations and find ways to improve the workforce in these critical industry sectors.

About CareerSource Tampa Bay

CareerSource Tampa Bay programs and initiatives are fully supported by the U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Agriculture as part of awards totaling \$19,293,411.

CareerSource Tampa Bay works with businesses and candidates to leverage their training, retraining, and competitive opportunities in the workforce. Career Source Tampa Bay provided 240,269 services to 36,960 active Wagner-Peyser individuals during program year 2018- 2019. CareerSource Tampa Bay, with our five career centers is the single largest source of job candidates in the region from entry-level to executive-level candidates.

Businesses can access Career Source's wide range of services that include recruiting, training for new and existing employees, targeted hiring events, and retention support strategies. All resources and services are provided at no cost to both businesses and job candidates. Programs funded through CareerSource Tampa Bay are equal opportunity programs with auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Persons using TTY/TTD equipment use Florida Relay Service 711. A proud partner of the American Job Center network to learn more, visit www.careersourcetampabay.com.

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