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Welcome.....

to the fall edition of Career News from Turning Point.

Turning Point -- the regional effort developed by the Workforce Development Alliance (WDA) to promote careers initially in manufacturing, construction and alternative/renewable energy - is up and running. Turning Point's web site, www.turningpointcareers.org, provides businesses, educators, parents and students with a wide range of information, links and contacts to training and career opportunities.

Helping the numerous existing businesses and industries in south-central to expand and grow is an additional effort underway through the WDA. The Business Retention & Expansion Project (BRE) has built a team of volunteers representing business, government, economic development and Department of Labor in each of southern Idaho's eight counties. The volunteers identify key businesses in their communities then sets up meetings with them.

"In personally meeting with businesses throughout our region, trained BRE volunteers discuss a wide range of issues that may impact their growth opportunities," said Teneale Hollingshead, BRE coordinator for the Workforce Development Alliance. "Our goal is to keep local businesses on our economic development radar, determine how to better meet their needs and provide them with a network of folks available to assist them in any way possible."

Are you a business that would like to have someone from the BRE contact you?

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CSI Programs Promote Skill Sets for Other Industries

Every education program developed at CSI is designed with an eye toward economic development and meeting an economic need, both in regards to industry and employment advancement. Case in point: CSI's Environmental Technology Program and Wind Energy Technician Program educate and train students with a wide, flexible skill set, for green-related jobs as well as other industries.

"With so many unknowns in alternative energy jobs, our education programs take a broader approach so our students will be able to use and transfer the skills they've learned to various economies, not just green jobs," explained Todd Schwarz, CSI instructional dean.

The whole supply chain skill set is part of CSI's green education program. From manufacturing, mechanics, construction, repair and maintenance, environmental impact, design, and infrastructure to delivery, logistics and transportation are taught. Classes focus on the whole industry, rather than highly tailored aspects.

CSI will continue to monitor the area's labor market and needs of industries to keep curriculum current and work-force appropriate. Training will remain broadly focused to assure students leave with a broad skill set applicable to many different areas of industry.



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