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VERMONT HITEC PROGRAM TO CREATE 30 HEALTHCARE IT JOBS FOR UNEMPLOYED AND UNDEREMPLOYED VERMONTERS

Federal Grant Secured by U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy Funds Employment Program

Williston, VT—Vermont HITEC, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to high-quality workforce development, today announced an education and apprenticeship program that will bring 30 high-tech jobs to Vermont over the next several months.

The newly developed program is a partnership between Vermont HITEC and Allscripts, the leading global provider of Electronic Health Records and other technologies essential to creating a Connected Community of Health™. It provides free education and on-site apprenticeship training at Allscripts South Burlington, Vermont, location. The program is designed for unemployed and underemployed Vermont residents. Successful completion of the program will lead directly to full-time employment as an Interface Analyst in the growing field of Electronic Health Records.

The training program will be funded with a portion of a $2 million dollar grant acquired by U.S. Senator Patrick J. Leahy in 2010 and is administered through the U.S. Department of Labor.

“Vermont is working hard to meet employer needs and keep as many high-tech jobs in Vermont as possible,” says U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy. “These jobs will have a direct impact on improving the lives of unemployed and underemployed Vermonters, opening doors to move into new careers that lead to increased wages, benefits and responsibilities -- all, vital elements to economic growth.”

Vermont HITEC will be seeking approval for college credits for the courses taken during the eight-week academic portion of the program. Individuals selected will also participate in a one-year apprenticeship program administered by the Vermont Department of Labor and earn a Certificate from the U.S. Department of Labor’s Apprenticeship Division upon completion.
“Vermont HITEC is pleased to partner with Allscripts for this program,” said Vermont HITEC President and Founder Gerry Ghazi. “This is a significant commitment for well-paid positions in a growing field, which will contribute to the State’s economic recovery.”

Diane Adams, Allscripts Executive Vice President of Culture and Talent, commented, “We are looking forward to participating in this unique opportunity to combine quality education with a paid apprenticeship to those who successfully complete the program. We’re grateful to Vermont HITEC and to Sen. Leahy for their leadership in helping to create this important program and secure its funding.”

Individuals interested in the opportunity can apply online to attend a mandatory job fair being held on Monday, October 24th at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in Burlington, Vermont.

To apply or learn more about the Allscripts ITAR program, visit Vermont HITEC online at www.vthitec.org, e-mail Lisa Spaulding at lisa.spaulding@vthitec.org or call Vermont HITEC at 802-872-0660.

About Vermont HITEC, Inc.

Vermont HITEC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to educate, train and employ Vermonters in a variety of fields. Vermont HITEC has employed over 600 Vermonters over the past eleven years in the fields of healthcare, information technology and advanced manufacturing, partnering with over 20 Vermont businesses including Allscripts, Fletcher Allen Health Care, Husky Injection Molding Systems, IDX Systems (now GE Healthcare), Dealer.com and Clara Martin Center. To learn more about Vermont HITEC, please visit http://www.vthitec.org.

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