

COLCHESTER, Vt., Oct. 14, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Today, Vermont Secretary of Commerce and Community Development

Lawrence Miller

, Commissioner of Labor Annie Noonan, and Commissioner of Economic Development Lisa Gosselin joined leadership from the Vermont Technology Council in announcing the launch of an innovative web portal to match

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technology companies with open internships with students in higher education seeking experience in the field.

The State of Vermont has articulated through legislation and the allocation of resources that workforce development is an integral part of economic development, and internships are a growing part of this evolving policy.

"In my role as Secretary, I have significant contact with many Vermont companies whose growth is limited by the availability of a workforce with the skills and experience needed," said Miller. "Creating solutions that address this issue is a top priority."

The new website, www.vermont.internships.com, is designed to address the workforce needs of the state's diverse companies, in rural and urban areas alike. Offered as a free service, the dynamic, user-friendly interface consolidates exciting internship opportunities and employers creating their pipeline of new employees in one convenient location.

Vermont employers can easily access the website to post new internship opportunities and browse for potential candidates, learn how to create an internship program, how to write an effective job description, find answers to legal questions about hiring interns, and more. Students worldwide can check the site for all available internships; take the "internship predictor" to help refine their search, find resume advice, and more. "At C2, internships are not only an essential recruiting tool but have also become an important part of our culture of continuous learning and mentoring where experienced employees, interns and new graduates learn from each other," said Carolyn Edwards, CEO of Competitive Computing.

We know that students rely on social media and the internet when pursuing internship opportunities and access to the most current content to guide their search is critical," said John Evans

, President of the Vermont Technology Council. "Internships are the best way for students to gain the work experience necessary to find a job after graduation. In fact, nearly 7 out of 10 internships culminate with a full time job offer after successful completion of the program."

Likewise, Vermont companies want a simple and efficient way to list internships and avail themselves of comprehensive educational tools to help build and grow thriving internship programs. Both the public and private sectors have asked for a central location to post and search for internship opportunities.

C2, also known as Competitive Computing, is a Vermont-based technology services firm specializing in internet business solutions and enterprise technology infrastructure. With a focus on building strategic value, their industry-leading technology solutions are custom designed to help position their clients to compete in an increasingly fast-paced and highly connected world. For over 20 years, C2 has worked with brand-name businesses, as well as educational and governmental institutions, to deliver award-winning solutions while earning premiere status partnerships with vendors such as Microsoft, Dell, VMware and EMC. Serving clients throughout the northeast, their client list includes national and local brands. In 2013, C2 was once again recognized as one of the top 5 fastest growing tech companies in

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-based company, named by Forbes as a "Top 10 Careers Website," develops a wide variety of interactive, world-class tools and services to enable every student, employer, and educator to better understand and optimize internship opportunities. For more information, please visit

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