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RACINE COUNTY ANNOUNCES 2011 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING PROGRAM

Racine – Racine County Executive Jim Ladwig announced today that the Racine County Workforce Development Center (WDC) is accepting applications for its 2011 Summer Youth Employment and Training Program, now called “E3” (“Employ, Enrich, Engage”). “The E3 program was very successful in 2009 and 2010, and we are delighted to be able to continue it in 2011,” said Ladwig. “I am looking forward to seeing the innovative ideas from private and nonprofit employers that will make this year’s program even better.”

This year, WDC and its partners will provide summer employment opportunities for 100 to 150 Racine County youth aged 16 to 24. Applications will be accepted from youth seeking work experience and from employers wanting to host participants.

New to this year’s program is an eight-hour unpaid volunteer component. Another component is an intensive one-week orientation to help youth learn the skills needed for success in the workplace. During that period, eligible participants will be paid a stipend. Students who complete the program will earn 0.5 high school credits. The one-week orientation will be followed by five weeks of work experience and ongoing training. During that period, eligible participants can earn \$7.25 to \$10.00 an hour.

Employers and youth interested in this year’s E3 program can log on to www.wdc.racineco.com to learn more and submit an application. Youth applications are also available at the Racine County Workforce Development Center, 1717 Taylor Avenue, Racine, WI or 496 McCanna Parkway, Burlington, WI. All participant applications must be received by Monday, May 20th at 5:00 p.m., and work site applications are due on Monday, May 27 at 5:00 p.m.

“The county’s partnerships with area educators and community leaders in developing the program’s vision, goals, and structure were vital last year and will be essential in 2011,” said Alice Oliver, Workforce Development Center Manager. “This year, we expect to exceed our ‘Higher Expectations’ in terms of the quality of work sites and the caliber of young people who will become ‘work ready, work smart,’” said Oliver.

This year’s partners include Racine Unified School District, Burlington Area School District, Educators Credit Union, Gateway Technical College, Racine County, UW Parkside, United Way of Racine County, Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) of Racine County, Racine Family YMCA, and City of Racine.

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