

FAME Hiring and Training Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Ron Golumbeck, ITT Goulds; Maria Salamone, ITT; Bob Belmont, BOCES 2, CWD; Jodie Daniels, FL Works Wayne Cty; Sam Samanta, FLCC; Bob Aronson, Seneca Cty IDA; Mark Preston, Operations and Engineering; Tarkus Murphy, V3/Plexan; Bill Rotenberg, FLWIB/AMCN; Eileen Rucinski, Kelly Svcs; Jim VanKouwenberg, Optimax Systems

- Ron Golumbeck opened the meeting with Introductions from participants.
- Jim VanKouwenberg (Optimax) reported on his attendance at the NY State Regents meeting that Mike Mandina sat in on as a panel member. Many school teachers attended the meeting to voice opposition to moving to alternative tracks wherein the requirements for History or Social Studies might be diminished. Jim found his attendance was very worthwhile and he learned much about how the Regents view the proposed change to create an alternative STEM based track that does not anticipate immediate pursuit of a four year bachelor's degree by students.
- Jodie Daniels announced funding (\$100K) from WIA as a grant available for training. Trainings funded with these funds must begin by June 30th. There will also be additional funding available as of July 1st.
- Tarkus Murphy reported that he continues to work with Power, Real Estate and Data businesses to bring Smart Grid components to the Finger Lakes.
- Bob Aronson of Seneca County IDA reinforced the continuing support for FAME being provided by Seneca County IDA. He was pleased to be one of the founding IDA's that supported FAME in its startup and to see the tremendous progress being made on many fronts by FAME throughout the region, state and nation.
- Dr. Sam Samanta (FLCC) has 20 prospects for his Fall Instrumentation and Control Technology curriculum. He routed a sample of his new brochure for the program and announced that he is looking for co-op placement and full time placement for his current program participants.

- Mark Preston attended the RIT “Imagine” Fair. 1000’s of students presented terrific entrepreneurial activities in all business categories. Very well done program!
- Bill Rotenberg (FLWIB) spoke on the grant for Community College funding on Advanced Manufacturing Skill Development. There is a program at Rochester Works on June 20th at 9 AM that Bill invited all to attend, weblink:
<http://www.nyfame.org/documents/AdvancedManufacturingCareersPanel6-20-12.pdf>
- Bob Belmont of BOCES welcomed participants to visit their new location in Rochester at a former Kodak site. FAME’s September 2012 H & T meeting will be held at this location.
- Eileen Rucinski (Kelly Services) reported on progress for Pipeline initiatives. Tour locations are still in demand for Fall programming.
- Our featured guest speaker was Maria Salomone of ITT Goulds, Plant Performance Services. Maria earned awards in 2011 from the Syracuse Chapter of the Society for Training and Development as Trainer of the Year and for Best Company Programming. Her presentation focused on how to improve learning and retention among participants in training classes. Her materials, which included Tactics from Bob Pike’s Participant Centered Methodologies, will be posted on the FAME website. She received recognition applause and many positive comments back from participants on the excellent presentation and the great take-aways she provided. Thanks Maria!

Next H & T Committee meeting is tentatively planned for Thursday, September 20th in Rochester at the BOCES Complex.
More details to follow.

Have a great summer!
Ron Golumbeck
FAME H & T Coordinator