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ENGINEERING CAREER FAIR FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Six Wasatch Front School Districts to Send 400 Students

March 17, 2010, Murray, UT – The Wasatch Front Consortium Engineering & Education Partnership is sponsoring the 1st Annual Engineering Career Fair on Friday, March 19, 2010 from 9:45 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. The event will be held in the Science Building of the Salt Lake Community College Redwood Campus at 4600 South Redwood Road, Salt Lake City, UT. Six school districts will be sending 400 pre-registered high school students interested in potentially declaring engineering as a college major. Student participants are from Canyons, Granite, Jordan, Murray, Salt Lake and Tooele School Districts.

The Utah Department of Workforce Services reported that four of the top eight high demand, high wage jobs that are difficult to fill in Utah are engineering related. In addition, Utah has a broad range of engineering firms throughout the state that cannot find employees to fill positions.

Wasatch Front Consortium responded to this professional demand three years ago by creating an Engineering Partnership uniting representatives from DWS, GOED State Science Advisor, local engineering companies, post secondary educational institutions (SLCC, U of U, USU, UVU, BYU) and six local school districts. The committee developed a mission statement and sets annual goals. One of the 2009-10 goals is to get accurate information to students and parents regarding engineering fields. This March 19th Engineering Career Fair was developed to help meet that purpose.

Local partners and business are instrumental through their contributions to help achieve the goals set, and they include Questar Gas, Otto Bock, IM Flash, GE Healthcare, VBFA, CCI Mechanical, L23 Communications, Reavely Engineering, Jacobson Construction, UDOT, Fetzer Woods, EGI and the US Air Force (see attached docs for a description of these companies). For more information, contact Glo Merrill, Chair/ Engineering Career Fair and Murray City School District Director of Curriculum & CTE 801-264-7400, email gmerrill@murrayschools.org

Under the direction of the Murray Schools Board of Education, the mission of the Murray City School District is to work in partnership with the community in the education of youth in a changing society. Richard R. Tranter is superintendent and chief executive officer of the Murray City School District; Laura Baker is president of the Board of Education.

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