

Career Exploration Awards
FY 2009 Awards through September 30, 2008

Career Exploration Programs:

Applications received: 14
Applications fully funded: 3
Applications partially funded: 4
Denied: 7
Total funds requested: \$519,570
Total funds awarded: \$191,148
Expected enrollment: 7014 (w/out Career Jam)

**Area Health Education Centers Health Careers Awareness Programs (AHEC)--
\$56,000.00**

The Vermont AHEC will continue its broad-based health care career awareness programs targeting students in grades 7-12. These programs include: health care career fairs, classroom presentations, workshops, interactive games and other awareness-building activities for students in grades 9-12, and middle school presentations and workshops. AHEC expects to reach over 5,000 students this grant period.

Bellows Free Academy--\$19,798.00

Bellows Free Academy will increase the Career Coach position from 4 to 7 hours per day in order to: meet with all sending school 8th graders and families for sessions on career exploration opportunities in high school and appropriate course selection for these plans; work with high school seniors going on to CCV or work, helping to connect them with businesses for employment; expand the number of students in job shadowing and work experience.

Burlington Boys and Girls Club --\$40,000

During their second year of funding, the Burlington Boys and Girls Club of Burlington's Teen Employment Center, located in the University Mall, will continue to take groups of 9th-12th graders through a series of program sessions and business visits in order to increase their career awareness and job readiness. They will provide month long sessions to teens beginning in January and continuing through the end of 2009, opening the program up to 7th and 8th graders by summer 2009.

Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce -- \$7,900

The Program to Inspire Leadership Opportunity and Thought (PILOT) is geared toward high school juniors and focuses on community involvement and career exploration. Students from Essex High School, Burlington, South Burlington, and CVU participate in day-long monthly seminars during which they explore careers in a particular sector. The year begins with an opening retreat and ends in May and will include two community service days.

River Valley Tech Center/American Precision Museum -- \$26,950.00

The Mobile Manufacturing Exposition (MME), the result of a collaborative effort between River Valley Tech Center, and the American Precision Museum is a self-contained, educational 'road show' that will introduce students to the high tech world of modern

manufacturing and will allow them to experience it first hand through a variety of learning activities. Teachers will receive a detailed Learning Activity Packet prior to the Exposition's on-site visit.

Vermont 3.0 Creative Technology Career Jam -- \$7,000

The second Vermont 3.0 Creative Technology Career Jam is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 10 AM to 5 PM at Champlain College in Burlington, VT. The jam brings together dozens of Vermont companies that are ready for resumes and networking. Plus, during the course of the day, [panel discussions will delve into 12 different tech careers](#), from robotics and digital forensics, to green energy, Internet marketing and online entertainment. Each panel will feature a business owner, worker and educator in the field. The aim is to help attendees understand what Vermont's various tech jobs entail. Last year students from over 44 schools (17 high schools and 27 colleges) attended the jam.

Vermont Software Developers' Alliance -- \$33,500

This is a new effort to reach into the public school system, grades 8-12, to stimulate students to pursue the foundational studies in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) leading to successful college and professional careers in the information technology field. The program will utilize distance learning technology and the Internet to provide new and relevant computing technology courses. It will also give students direct contact with technology professionals, via member companies of the Vermont Software Developers' Alliance.