



Mayor Michael B. Coleman



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Dear Business & Community Leaders:

Connecting today's young adults with a valuable internship, including work-readiness, financial literacy, and career exploration is the goal for the 2009 Summer YouthWorks! The partnerships of the City of Columbus, Franklin County, Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation/ JOBLeaders, and local businesses goal is to connect 2,500 youth & young adults to meaningful internships that will re-enforce the work-readiness training that will be provided.

Today, we are united to ask that you join us with committing to provide an internship to youth & young adults through this initiative. Therefore, we are contacting businesses such as yours, in an effort to solicit your assistance to secure internships in high growth/ high demand industries: Healthcare, Business/ Technology, Construction Trades, Education, Engineering, and the Creative Economy and more. Special emphasis will be placed on *Green* jobs worksites.

This year's Summer YouthWorks! initiative is funded by the *American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009* (ARRA), City of Columbus, and the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. While federal and local funding allows us to serve 2500 young adults, COWIC/ JOBLeaders can provide additional youth & young internships paid by local businesses. Therefore, whether your business can provide supervision and/ or you can actually pay the wages, we encourage your involvement in this years' initiative.

Attached is the Internship Request Form for your review and completion. Please contact Jana Davis, Senior Employment Account Representative, at 614.559.6061 or jdavis@cowic.org. Please complete your form today!

Thank you in advance for providing work experience through valuable internships in 2009 and to fuel expansion in our Central Ohio economy.

Sincerely,

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City of Columbus

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Franklin County Board of
Commissioners

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