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Allegany County
Location - TBD



Frostburg to Host MIPS Research Funding Briefing for Faculty and Local Businesses

The Maryland Industrial Partnerships Program (MIPS) will host a free briefing about how faculty and local businesses can participate in the MIPS funding program at Frostburg State University (FSU) on Tuesday, March 11, from 3-5 p.m. in room 237 of the Compton Science Center.

MIPS provides funding matched by participating companies for university-based research projects that help companies develop new products. MIPS funding goes directly to faculty for research that benefits the company's ability to commercialize a product.

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

July 9, 2014
Garrett County
Location - TBD
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

December 3, 2014
Washington County
Location - TBD
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

This program has supported research projects with more than 400 different Maryland companies since 1987 and is currently funding projects at FSU with Cumberland-based Berkeley Springs Instruments, and Hagerstown-based vCalc, LLC. Previous MIPS-supported projects with FSU included companies such as Instant Access Networks in Cumberland and Sustainable Systems, Inc. in Frostburg.

An average of 30 projects are funded per year.
Applications are due May 1 and October 15, 2014.

For more information about the MIPS workshop, contact Linda Steele, program specialist at Frostburg State University, by phone at **(301) 687-4137**, or by e-mail at lsteele@frostburg.edu.

At the Water Cooler



Spring Forward March 9

Who was the first American to advocate for daylight saving time?



Senior Rides Program Grant Applications Deadline March 20, 2014

The Maryland Department of Transportation/Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT/MTA) is pleased to announce the availability of State funds for the Senior Rides Program (SRP). Completed applications for SRP funds must be submitted to the Maryland Transit Administration by March 20, 2014, 4:00 p.m.

Government agencies, nonprofit entities and faith-based agencies that provide transportation services and are exempt from taxation under § 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code are eligible to receive SRP funding.

In order to be eligible for a Maryland Senior Rides grant, the proposed project must:

- Provide door-to-door transportation for low-income to moderate-income seniors who have difficulty accessing or using other existing transportation

services.

- Use primarily volunteer drivers who drive their own vehicles.
- Use a dispatching system to respond quickly to requests from eligible seniors for door-to-door transportation.
- Use a geographic area for which door-to-door transportation is provided. Note that service may be provided to eligible seniors who do not reside in the geographic area as it is defined in the application, so long as service is not diminished to seniors who do reside in the target geographic area.

Please contact Jeannie Fazio at 410-767-3781 or via email at JFazio1@mta.maryland.gov for an application or more information.

Allegany College of Maryland Advanced Manufacturing Workforce Development Training



The Appalachian Regional Commission announced approval of a grant in the amount of \$93,000 to the Allegany College of MD for the Allegany College of Maryland Advanced Manufacturing Workforce Development Training. At least 20 workers from ten area companies will be trained in advanced manufacturing skills.

This project will enable Allegany College of Maryland to provide training in industrial metal fabrication and American Welding Society certified classes. Grant funds will be used to purchase equipment for the classes and to obtain the necessary certifications. Specific courses to be offered include blue print reading for machinists, operating manual lathes, operating manual mills, Computer-Numeric-Controlled (CNC) operations, CNC programming, geometric dimensioning and tolerancing, and welding courses leading to advanced certifications. Initial participants are expected to be current employees of local companies.

In addition to ARC funds, local sources will provide \$93,000, bringing the total project funding to \$186,000.



Work@Health™ is a comprehensive workplace health training program that will support 600 employers of various sizes, industry sectors, and geographic areas as well as other participants who support employer workplace health efforts such as health departments, business coalitions, and trade associations.

The program is designed to train employers how to improve the health of their workers and their families through science-based prevention and wellness strategies using interventions that principally address chronic health conditions; specifically, heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes, arthritis, and obesity.

For more information please click [here](#).

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