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FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR HIRING INTERNS

BISMARCK, N.D. – North Dakota businesses looking for summer employees can receive up to \$4,000 in matching funds by tapping an underused pool of candidates: high school and college interns.

Operation Intern, administered from the North Dakota Department of Commerce, is designed to expand the number of new internships, work experience and apprenticeship positions with North Dakota employers.

The program's primary focus is employers in the state's targeted industries: energy, advanced manufacturing, value-added agriculture, tourism and technology-based businesses. Priority also is given to new start-ups, companies that never have participated in the program and new internship or apprenticeship positions or whose intern positions qualify as in-demand positions.

Employers will be limited to a maximum of five interns each funding round. The first round of funding will be June 1-March 31, 2020. Applications will be accepted through May 17, 2019. Any funds not used at this time will be released and added to the funding for the second round. The second funding round will begin May 1, 2020.

Funding can be used for items needed for the intern to perform their internships, like wages, tools and equipment, essential training or tuition reimbursement. The funding is a one-to-one match.

For more information, guidelines and the application, visit www.workforce.nd.gov/operationintern or contact Jennifer Dahl at opintern@nd.gov or 701-328-7268.

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