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CIT.ms to provide free information technology training

JACKSON, Miss. (June 7, 2010) – The Communications and information Technology Organization of Mississippi is partnering with the CompTIA Educational Foundation to provide free information technology training and certifications for people historically under-represented in the IT industry. Returning veterans, at-risk youth, dislocated workers and individuals with disabilities are a few of the groups that can benefit from this premier program.

In addition to the 24x7 online training, participants have access to mentoring and other resources. The initial training and certification, which can be completed in three to four months, provides the skills necessary to become a basic computer technician. Participants can choose to continue their free training with courses leading to certification in networking, server operations, security and convergence.

“CompTIA provides industry-leading IT training and certification so we are very excited to be able to help them offer this service to Mississippians,” said Scott Hamilton, CIT.ms executive director. “This is an outstanding opportunity for people who may lack resources, but are interested in meaningful, well-paying technology careers.”

“We developed this education program, called Creating Futures, to help provide the IT industry with a diverse, well-trained workforce and to help people achieve successful, long-term careers,” stated Dennis Zimmerman, director of the CompTIA Educational Foundation. “We certainly hope that a number of Mississippians will seize this opportunity.”

Individuals interested in the training can find more information about the Creating Futures program by going to www.cit.ms and clicking the CompTIA Educational Foundation icon. It is recommended, but not required, that applicants have basic computer knowledge.

Those that wish to support these training efforts can make Mississippi designated tax-deductible gifts by contacting Scott Hamilton at shamilton@cit.ms or 601-790-0248.

About CIT.ms

CIT.ms supports the economic interests of its member companies by providing innovative workforce recruiting services, and relevant learning programs and networking opportunities. And, in so doing promotes communications and information technology as an economic development engine for Mississippi. For more information, go to www.cit.ms.

About the CompTIA Educational Foundation

The CompTIA Educational Foundation is the charitable arm of CompTIA, the world's leading IT association. Through its main program, Creating Futures, it provides training and certification opportunities to populations who have historically been under-represented in the information technology workforce, including U.S. veterans, individuals with disabilities, women, minorities, at-risk youth and dislocated workers. The Foundation receives contributions and grants from individuals, industry leaders, businesses and the government to fund its programs. For more information, go to <http://www.comptia-ef.org>.

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