



Teacher Quest Tampa Bay Pilot Program

Here's what others had to say...

2009 BUSINESS PARTNERS

"The teacher brought a refreshing diversity of thought to our environment and is clearly energized to carry our message of promoting science, technology, engineering and mathematics back into the classroom. I look forward to participating again next year."

Steve Park, Director of Program Engineering, Raytheon Network Centric Systems

"The Teacher Quest program does an outstanding job of matching teachers with sponsoring companies. The teacher assigned to us made a positive impact from Day 1. Our information gathering capabilities are furthered enhanced because of him. We plan on participating in this program again next year."

Sarah Davis, Senior HR Professional, Custom Manufacturing and Engineering, Inc.

"The concept, direction, structure and support provided by TRDA insured that our teacher will get the best mileage possible from his experience, and that both the school system and our industry will gain maximum benefit from his experience working in our maritime industry. Your program helps to communicate much needed real world relevance to the study of STEM subjects. At the same time, it will help to increase our community's awareness of the wealth of career opportunities, and the influence of our industry on their daily lives."

Dave Sessums, Vice President of Estimating, International Ship Repair & Marine Services, Inc.

2009 TEACHERS

"This summer, I was fortunate to work for a defense contractor in supply chain management and interfaced with some brilliant engineering minds. This was a great learning opportunity and a win-win situation, and I was even able to obtain a mini-grant for my school. I strongly recommend this program for teachers and prospective businesses!"

Doug Haskitt, Technology, Clearwater Intermediate School

"The Teacher Quest Program has provided me with the insight to introduce my math curriculum in new and exciting ways. I am ready to use real world activities to stimulate the students' STEM skills. The experience has opened my eyes to the relationship between local career opportunities and the required math related skills. I am more positive about answering the age old question, *When will I ever need this?*"

Michelle Kadel, Math, Tyrone Middle School

"Teacher Quest was a great summer experience. I got a chance to broaden my skills, make new friendships with a variety of industry professionals and gained self-confidence that was valuable in school, as well as industry."

Chuck Routhier, Technology, Sugg Middle School