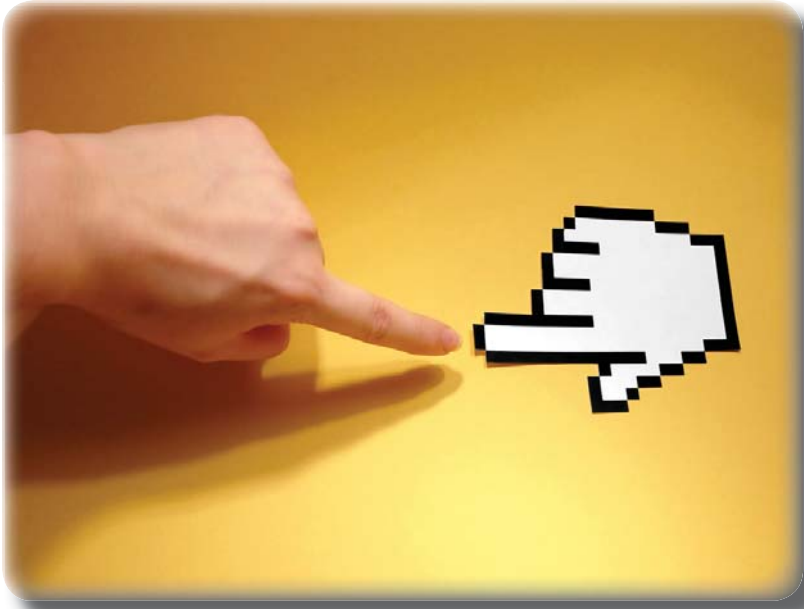


GET HANDS ON TECH TRAINING



WRT to Sponsor a Local High School Student at Electronics Telecommunications Academy

Ever wonder how your local telecommunications provider like West River Telecom brings telephone and Internet service to your home? Do you enjoy problem-solving, computers or hands-on projects? Have you thought about a challenging career in the electronics and telecommunications industry? You could enjoy a unique opportunity this summer to learn more about the telecommunications career field while earning high school credit.

WRT will sponsor an area high school student's attendance at this summer's Electronics Telecommunications Academy. The one-week academy, to be held at the Technical Center on the campus of Bismarck State College June 6-11, 2010, is open to area high school students who are currently sophomores or juniors.

Students selected to attend the Electronics Telecommunications Academy will explore basic telecommunications skills, explore various computer applications specific to telecommunications and learn about telecommunications careers. Students completing the academy will earn one-fourth high school credit. The Bismarck State College Foundation will also be offering \$1,000 scholarships in related studies to three students attending the academy.

The deadline to apply to attend the academy is April 9, 2010.

Several agencies have partnered in bringing this opportunity to the area, including Telephone Apprenticeship Training and Safety, North Dakota Department of Career & Technical Education, Bismarck State College, Bismarck Public Schools, West River Telecom and several other local independent telephone companies throughout the region. To apply or for more information, contact your school counselor, or Tammy Heick, Electronics Telecommunication Academy Coordinator at (701) 250-7911 (Telephone AT&S Program) or theick@telephone-ats.com

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