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20,000+ Available Jobs in Pittsburgh Region: Search at ImagineMyNewJob.com

Comprehensive, one-stop job search engine can help new graduates launch careers in Pittsburgh

(PITTSBURGH – May 5, 2009) As thousands of graduating college students finish up finals and head into the workforce, there are more than 20,000 available positions in the Pittsburgh region, according to ImagineMyNewJob.com, the 10-county region's most comprehensive online job search resource. The site – developed by the Allegheny Conference on Community Development as a public service – is a free, easy-to-use "one stop shop" that pools all the online postings from search engines such as Monster and CareerBuilder.com, as well as from individual company job sites.

Of the 20,000+ available jobs currently on the site, more than 80 percent are full-time positions, and approximately half offer annual salaries of more than \$40,000. Available opportunities run the gamut from internships to full-time positions, appropriate for graduates with Associates degrees to Ph.D.s.

"Many of our region's employers are hiring, despite what we've been hearing about the economy, and it's imperative that we connect our young talent with regional employers that are looking for skilled candidates," said Laura Fisher, senior vice president of the Allegheny Conference. "There are a lot of opportunities here, and ImagineMyNewJob.com is a great tool for recent graduates – or anybody looking for a new job in the Pittsburgh region – to discover and access those opportunities."

A critical addition to any employment search toolbox, ImagineMyNewJob.com queries can be sorted by salary range, industry, keyword, company name, job title, radius (up to 70 miles around downtown Pittsburgh) and more. Users can have new job listings, according to their specifications, automatically sent to them via e-mail. They also can access a LinkedIn.com group and other information about the Pittsburgh region as a smart place to live and launch a career.

"Having gone to college and then launched a business here myself, I understand the advantages of living and working in the Pittsburgh region firsthand," said Luke Skurman, CEO of College Prowler and publisher of a new guide book to the region called the *Pittsburgh Urban Guru*. "It's an accessible environment where young professionals can tap - MORE -

¹ The 10-county Pittsburgh region includes Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington and Westmoreland counties.

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into the resources they need to build the careers they want. With top-notch amenities from sports and outdoor recreation, to nightlife, arts and culture – and a cost-of-living that makes all of that affordable – we've got the schools, we've got the jobs and we've got the lifestyle. Pittsburgh's hot right now."

An online toolkit is available for university staff, faculty and students, as well as jobseekers of any age or education level, to easily pass along the news about career opportunities in the Pittsburgh region. Just visit ImagineMyNewJob.com and click on "Help Spread the Word."

The Allegheny Conference on Community Development and Affiliates – the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, the Pennsylvania Economy League of Southwestern Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance – work in collaboration with public and private sector partners to stimulate economic growth and improve the quality of life in southwestern Pennsylvania. For more information, visit www.alleghenyconference.org.