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**Hamilton and Butler County Businesses Invited to Participate in  
Pollution Prevention (P2) Internship Program**

The Butler County Department of Environmental Services (BCDES) and Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District (HCSWMD) are currently accepting applications from businesses for the 2008 Southwest Ohio Pollution Prevention (P2) Internship Program. Through this summer program, upper-level college students are placed with local industries to implement P2 strategies, save companies money, and encourage technically skilled students to stay in Ohio.

The host business funds 25 percent of the intern's salary, while the respective county funds the remaining 75 percent. The interns will be employed by Hamilton or Butler County and will work full-time at the business as a contractor for 12 weeks starting in late May or early June 2008. Prior to beginning work at a facility, interns will participate in a week-long P2 training program produced by TechSolve, Inc. TechSolve will also provide technical mentoring for the students during the internship.

P2 is defined as reducing or eliminating waste at the source by modifying production processes, promoting the use of non-toxic or less-toxic substances, implementing conservation techniques, and reusing materials rather than putting them into the waste stream.

For more information about the P2 internship program, please call Mary Jo Lahrmann in Butler County at (513) 887-3406, Catherine Walsh in Hamilton County at (513) 946-7732, or e-mail Mary Beth Holley at [holley@techsolve.org](mailto:holley@techsolve.org). To apply, go to BCDES' Web site at <http://des.butlercountyohio.org/html/recycling/businessinternship.cfm> or the HCSWMD's web site at [http://www.hcdoes.org/sw/business\\_intern\\_business.htm](http://www.hcdoes.org/sw/business_intern_business.htm).

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