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### **Interns could help businesses clean up their act**

Businesses in Butler and Hamilton counties are invited to submit an application for the 2008 Southwest Ohio Pollution Prevention (P2) Internship Program. The program places upper-level college students with local industries to implement P2 strategies, and, at the same time, save the company money.

Another goal of the program is to encourage technically-skilled students to stay in Ohio after graduation.

The Butler County Department of Environmental Services and Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District sponsor the program, designed to reduce and eliminate waste at the source by promoting the use of non-toxic or less-toxic substances, implementing conservation techniques, and re-using materials rather than putting them into the waste stream.

Students are employed by Butler or Hamilton County. They will work full-time under contract for 12 weeks beginning in late May or early June. The business will pay 25 percent of the student's salary. The respective county funds the remaining 75 percent.

Prior to beginning work at a facility, interns will participate in a week-long P2 training program produced by Techsolve, Inc.

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