



Where Economics and Technology Connect

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RE: Scholarship Program

In 2007, CORE Telecom Systems, working in conjunction with the Illinois Telecommunications Association, donated 1% of all Illinois invoices towards scholarships for the Telecommunications Technology program at Lincoln Trail College. It is with great pride that we announce the continuation of that program for the 2008 calendar year, with many thanks given to Doug and his staff in Springfield.

Doing business with independent telecommunications providers for the last several years as afforded CORE the opportunity to visit with companies in rural towns and cities all over the United States. Much like their big city counterparts, small communities are seeing an increasing reliance on telecommunications systems for voice, data, and video. As the dynamics of these networks change, so have the requirements of those that build and maintain them. The days of hiring specialist to work on the switching, transmission, or power are over. These new networks require individuals that are well-trained in all facets of network architecture.

The two year program at Lincoln Trail College provides course work in broad areas of telephony. Learned skills include central office and EPABX switching, and fiber optic and copper cable splicing, as well as a general business curriculum. Many graduates of this program go on to jobs with ITA member companies, and our feedback on those graduates has been spectacular. The telecommunications industry is perfect for young people who are looking for a technology based, cutting-edge, and challenging environment. By enabling these young people to succeed, the program strengthens Illinois' next generation of telecommunications service technicians.

CORE Telecom Systems works within the believe that supporting the communities in which we do business is a necessity in supporting our own business. To date, the ITA Foundation has financed the education of eleven students in the Lincoln Trail telecommunications program. Each recipient receives a full one-year scholarship covering all tuition fees and books.

Our company is proud to have served Illinois companies in the past, and we look forward to doing so in the future. For more information about our services or product offerings visit www.coretelecom.net.

Sincerely,

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