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Exeter Job Corps Students Participate in Job Shadow Day with Local Hospitality Construction Businesses

Cranston, RI (March 6, 2007) – Local hospitality construction businesses recently hosted a job shadow day for students from Exeter Job Corps Academy’s construction curriculum.

The program, sponsored by Rhode Island Hospitality and Tourism Association and Junior Achievement, was one of many job shadowing programs held throughout the year. It allows students to “shadow” a workplace mentor so they can understand how skills learned in school are applied in the workplace.

“Construction, whether it is new or renovations, is a vital part of keeping Rhode Island’s hospitality and tourism industry growing,” said Dale J. Venturini, President and CEO of Rhode Island Hospitality and Tourism Association. “We are thrilled to offer this incredible learning experience with the area’s leading hospitality construction companies to the students.”

Nine students from the vocational-technical high school split into three groups to visit construction sites throughout Providence. Students worked with Gilbane, Inc. on renovations at the Dunkin Donuts Center and the Rhode Island Convention Center, where students also has the opportunity to observe the operations of the engineering department. Other students worked on construction with Cobalt Industries, Inc. at the new site of Murphy’s Deli & Bar on the corner of Fountain and Matthewson Streets in Providence.

“We were very proud to show the students how our business impacts one of the leading industries in Rhode Island and we hope it gave them some insight and confidence in their future careers,” said Jon Daskam, President of Cobalt Industries, Inc.

About the Rhode Island Hospitality and Tourism Association

With more than 500 foodservice and hospitality members in Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Hospitality and Tourism Association has been the voice of the hospitality and tourism industry in the state for 20 years. For more information on the Rhode Island Hospitality and Tourism Association, please call (401) 223-1120 or visit www.rihospitality.org.