

**IOWA STUDENT  
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM  
AVAILABLE TO SMALL  
BUSINESSES**

The Iowa Student Internship Program links college students from Iowa schools to internship opportunities in small and medium sized firms with a goal of transitioning the interns to full-time employment in the state upon graduation. The program is available to Iowa based companies that meet all three of the following criteria:

- Fewer than 500 employees, with a significant portion employed within the state of Iowa.
- Engaged in one of the targeted industries of biosciences, advanced manufacturing or information technology.
- Offer internships to students of Iowa community colleges, private colleges, or regent institutions.

Funds are available, through the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED), up to \$3,100 per internship with a maximum of three internships and \$9,300 award per company. A business shall provide matching funds of at least one dollar for every one dollar received from IDIED and pay students at least \$14.50 per hour.

Semester Internship applications will be taken from July 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>. Semester internships will last a minimum of 14 weeks (averaging no less than 10 hours per week).

Summer Internship applications will be taken from December 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Summer internships will last a minimum of eight weeks (averaging no less than 30 hours per week).

Companies interested in participating in the Iowa Student Internship Program will find the application at [http://www.iowalifechanging.com/business/ic/internship\\_program.html](http://www.iowalifechanging.com/business/ic/internship_program.html)

**TSB SPOTLIGHT**

**THE BUILDING INSPECTORS, INC.**

The Building Inspectors, Inc. has helped government agencies, private agencies, businesses and individuals throughout Iowa. Currently serving 26 Iowa communities and 2 state agencies, The Building Inspectors provides building code consulting and prompt, thorough inspections with impeccable customer care. The Building Inspectors assists with enforcement of adopted building codes and offers related inspection services including:

- Commercial, industrial and residential building code inspections
- Rental inspections of single and multi-family dwellings
- Building code plan review
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-Party construction special inspections
- Construction draw inspections
- Commercial and residential pre-purchase inspections
- Building code consulting

Owners Shelly and Denny Bernholtz and their team of seasoned professionals include:

- ICC-certified Master Code Professional – one of only two in Iowa

- Inspectors certified with the International Code Council
- Inspectors certified as lead risk assessors & sample technicians by Polk County and the Iowa Dept. of Public Health



The Building Inspectors provides new construction inspection services for the Iowa Finance Authority and was recently awarded a contract with the Iowa Dept. of Economic Development to perform rental housing inspections and file reviews related to HUD's Home Partnership Program. For more information on the Building Inspectors please contact them directly at The Building Inspectors, 104 Campus Drive, Suite 101, Huxley, IA 50124, Phone 515-597-4824 or e-mail: [shelly@buildinginspectors.biz](mailto:shelly@buildinginspectors.biz).

**TSB Award Winners:**

**Sherie L. Vermeer d/b/a Equi-Spa** in Ankeny produces and sells non-toxic horse care products and retails apparel pertaining to equine market. Equi-Spa will use the \$20,000 loan for 5 years at 5% for inventory, equipment and supplies.

**Roxanne Stevenson d/b/a Stevenson Studios** in Holstein received a loan for \$13,500 for 5 years at 4%. Stevenson Studios will be able remodel and update the building for the studio.

**Hedi Wilson d/b/a Absolute Skin & Body Wellness Spa** in Windsor Heights will be opening an upscale massage salon and offering esthetic services. Absolute Skin and Body Wellness will purchase supplies and equipment with the \$4,200 loan for 3 years at 5%.

**More Help, Easier Access for Small Business**

The IRS has new products available on its website at <http://www.irs.gov> to enable small businesses and the self-employed to more easily locate essential tax information. These new products are part of a year-long campaign to help educate new self-employed small business owners about federal tax responsibilities and about filing Schedule C, Profit or Loss from Business.

Publication 4667, Tax Information for Small Businesses and the Self-Employed, a free, laminated bookmark, provides key search words to help small businesses locate important tax information on IRS.gov quickly and easily. Small Businesses can order this free laminated bookmark at <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=101169,00.html>.

There's also a new web page on the IRS site designed to be a one-stop shop for small businesses and self-employed taxpayers who file Schedule C with their Form 1040. The link, <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=115045,00.html> provides access to information on the most common tax issues for new business owners.

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