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CIS Receives Manufacturing Extension Grant

THE UT CENTER FOR INDUSTRIAL SERVICES (CIS) is part of a partnership that received a $500,000 grant from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for a pilot program that will help automotive suppliers adopt new technologies that will improve products and processes. The program, Manufacturing Technology Acceleration Center (MTAC), is one of five NIST pilot awards across the U.S.

The Georgia Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) is the lead agency for the grant, with parts of the project being awarded to CIS (the Tennessee MEP) and three other MEPs in the Southeastern U.S.

“We have a great working relationship with the Georgia MEP and this is an opportunity for us and other MEPs to work on a project that will improve our understanding of how automotive suppliers identify and adopt technologies that result in new products and improved processes,” said CIS Executive Director Paul Jennings. “We will be better positioned to identify and address supplier needs and improve their access to technology resources, including universities and federal laboratories.”

Focusing on the automotive supply chain across the Southeastern
U.S., the new Manufacturing Technology Acceleration Center (MTAC) team will identify where manufacturers most need assistance in adopting or adapting technology.

The five NIST pilots across the country will test and demonstrate business models that will allow small manufacturers to access the technology transition and commercialization services they need, and to help them form beneficial partnerships. Results will guide future NIST investment and help develop strategies and approaches for providing similar services across the MEP system. The NIST MTAC efforts align with the administration’s plan to launch a nationwide network of innovation institutes across the country that will develop world-leading manufacturing technologies and capabilities to support U.S. manufacturing sector growth. One goal of the MTAC program is for the centers to efficiently connect researchers, scientists, engineers and U.S. manufacturers and serve as coordination points within key supply chains.

Richard Atwood from the Y-12 Uranium Processing Facility teamed up with CIS’s Paul Middlebrooks to lead a class on the Basics of Government Contracting.

CIS Offers Nuclear Supplier Development Course Series with Partners Y12-UPF, TNECD

THE UT CENTER FOR INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, in partnership with the Y-12 Uranium Processing Facility (UPF) and the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TNECD), held classes in February for companies interested in working with regional nuclear projects.

The Nuclear Industry Supplier Development Courses were designed in collaboration with the Procurement Leadership for the Y12-Uranium Processing Facility project to help attract and develop regional companies to become suppliers for the UPF project and other nuclear industry projects. More than 170 people participated in the courses. This project is a collaborative effort by Y12-UPF, TNECD and CIS, specifically to attract Tennessee companies into becoming nuclear industry suppliers, and also to attract nuclear industry supplier to move to the state. These courses were the first in a series that will be conducted throughout the year.

Dwaine Raper, Bill Wiley and Paul Middlebrooks facilitated the project on behalf of CIS. Y12-UPF needs the help of this project to increase the regional base of reliable suppliers for the project, and TNECD wants to influence Tennessee companies to seek the UPF work to keep the business and jobs for the project in Tennessee.
Area Elected Officials Attend Municipal Government Overview Course

JELLICO AND TAZEWELL city officials participated in Level I of the Elected Officials Academy earlier this year.

The Elected Officials Academy is a program designed for elected officials. The curriculum designed for the academy was developed to give municipal officials an overview of the varied aspects of their role as municipal leaders. The academy is a component of the comprehensive municipal training program provided by the UT Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS).

Law Enforcement Professionals Graduate from Training Programs

TWENTY-THREE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS are recent graduates of the UT National Forensic Academy (NFA), a program of the UT Law Enforcement Innovation Center; while 27 completed the Southeastern Command and Leadership Academy (SECLA).

LEIC recently completed Session 35 of the NFA, a 10-week, in-residence program that provides hands-on training to crime scene investigators. Included in this class were 14 agents from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, three from the Delaware State Police, two from the Smyrna Police Department and one each from the Manchester Police Department, Oliver Springs Police Department, Sevier County Sheriff’s Office and the Galveston County (Texas) Sheriff’s Office.

SECLA is a seven-week law enforcement leadership and management program designed for progressive and innovative police managers. SECLA prepares mid- and upper-level supervisory personnel for the increased responsibility of administrative command positions by providing them with the knowledge and skills necessary for successful leadership in their agencies and communities.
MTAS Offers Three New Online Certificate Programs

THE UT MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICE (MTAS) now offers more than 100 new online classes, from communication to customer service to workplace environment. An online course allows city government employees the flexibility to work at their own pace, in their best time frame. These courses address all skill levels from introductory to advanced.

MTAS has three new online certificate programs now available:

- Administrative Professional Online Certificate
- Human Resources Essentials Online Certificate
- Managerial Essentials Online Certificate

Customers can sign up for the certificate programs or take any course, from any level, at any time.

Please read more about MTAS online certificate programs here at: http://mtas.tennessee.edu/Training/Catalog/online-courses-certificate-brochure_2014.pdf

To register and start right away visit the MTAS online training portal, Solution Point: http://www.solutionpoint.tennessee.edu/MTAS
UT Center for Industrial Services Adds Two Solutions Consultants to its Staff

MICHAEL CODEGA AND ROD KIRK have joined the UT Center for Industrial Services (CIS) as Solutions Consultants for West and Middle Tennessee, respectively.

Codega, who will be a consultant in the West Tennessee area, comes to CIS after serving as senior operations manager with Amazon.com. He also spent a number of years with Marvin Windows and Doors as general manager of its Ripley plant and as vice president of operations in Minneapolis. He has both his undergraduate and his master's in business administration from Rochester Institute of Technology.

Kirk will take over the role of consultant in the Middle Tennessee area. Most recently, he served as assistant vice president with the Clarksville-Montgomery County Economic Development Council. He also has worked as economic development director with the Robertson County Chamber of Commerce and as a jobs development specialist and recruitment specialist with the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Towson State University.

“Both Michael and Rod have a tremendous amount of manufacturing and economic development experience. We are fortunate to have them join our team of Solutions Consultants serving manufacturers and industry across the state,” said CIS Executive Director Paul Jennings.

CIS, an agency of the UT Institute for Public Service based in Nashville, provides consulting and training to business and industry in Tennessee through its experienced and professional team of Solutions Consultants and resources living and working across the state.

UT Announces Holiday Schedule for the Next Seven Years

The University of Tennessee has released its holiday schedule through the year 2020. Here are the holiday closing dates for 2014 and 2015. For a complete listing visit the UT system human resources office website at www.humanresources.tennessee.edu.

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To: Richard Stokes, MTAS

I just wanted to express my appreciation to you again for coming to Knoxville for the Payroll & Benefits class. I mentioned to (MTAS Executive Director) Jim Thomas what a great job you did and how thankful I am for you and all of the MTAS consultants who give so generously of their time and talents to help train our students.

David H. Folz
Professor & MPPA Director
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

UT Holding Open Enrollment for Sick Leave Bank

BEGINNING APRIL 1 and continuing through June 30 employees may join the Sick Leave Bank. The SLB is solely for the serious illness or injury of the employee and not for the illnesses/injuries of immediate family members. Medical certification is required with each and every request for sick leave bank time. Members who have been in the SLB for at least 30 calendar days are eligible to apply for sick leave days from the bank; however, conditions determined to be pre-existing shall not be eligible for SLB benefits until six months following the effective date of membership.

To join the bank, employees must enroll during the open enrollment period (April-June) and you will initially be assessed 24 hours of sick leave, which will be deducted from the employee’s sick leave balance. Employees must have six days of sick leave balance in order to join the bank. An employee may cancel membership from the bank by written request as of June 30 each year.

The sick leave bank is a great way to protect employees and their families in the event of a major illness or injury by allowing the salary to continue. For further information on the policy, go to HR0382: Sick Leave Bank is listed in the Policies and Procedures section of the UT index. To join contact Judie Martin at (865) 974-1535 or judie.martin@tennessee.edu.

Nominate Your Co-Workers for an IPS Annual Award

IT IS TIME TO MAKE NOMINATIONS for IPS employees to be recognized at the annual conference in Gatlinburg. The dates for the conference are July 10-11; however some agencies will start on July 9.

To nominate an employee, please review the awards and their descriptions. Some of the awards are for non-exempt employees, some for exempt employees, and some are for both. We also recognize a project of the year and a faculty member from within the UT system. In addition, we have one new award this year called the Collaboration Award.

To nominate an employee, faculty member, or project, go to the IPS intranet, https://staff.ips.tennessee.edu and click on the nominate tab in the block under the rotating pictures. Once on the nomination page, provide the name, for which award the person is being nominated, and a narrative on why this person or project is deserving of this award. Your narrative must provide enough detail on why this person/project is deserving of the award so that the committee can judge it on the written information. The closing date for the nominations is May 2 at the close of business.
To: Erin Ketelle, CIS

I was very impressed with the (Tennessee Economic Development Finance) conference, and the level of customer service and professionalism provided by everyone (Tammy Gage, Patty Wells, Martha Kelley and Beth Phillips). Everything, from the food to the presenters, was first class.

Robin Holt, Director of Finance and Administration
The Development Corporation of Knox County

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To: Jim Thomas, MTAS

MTAS HR Consultant Bonnie Jones addressed the students enrolled in my graduate-level human resource and policy class. Most of the students are pursuing the master’s degree in public policy and administration. Needless to say, her presentation was an informative, professionally executed one from which my students gained new insights into HR trends, policies and procedures. Her engaging, interactive teaching style, as well as her enthusiasm for the subject matter, greatly inspired the class. She patiently and nimbly fielded questions, all the time extolling the virtues of public service. When she departed, the students, most of who are working professionals, were abuzz with excitement. Her technical expertise and pride in MTAS were both apparent throughout her time with the class. Indeed, her professionalism and expertise reflect great credit upon MTAS. I do hope I can convince her to address future classes.

Joseph Jarrett, Lecturer
Department of Political Science
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Scholarship Applications are Now Available

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED for two scholarships benefitting IPS employees and members of the County Officials Association of Tennessee (COAT).

Mary and Jack Jinks Institute for Public Service Scholarship
Named for Vice President of Public Service Mary Jinks and her husband, Jack, endowment earnings fund an academic scholarship for a child or grandchild of an IPS employee or retiree. Eligible participants must be enrolled full-time for the fall 2014 semester and attend any UT campus including Chattanooga, Knoxville, Martin, Memphis, Tullahoma and online. The scholarship recipient for the Murphy scholarship may be attending part-time.

For more information about either scholarship please contact Rhonda Campbell, development director, Institute for Public Service at rhonda.campbell@tennessee.edu or (865) 974-6587. Applications may be downloaded from the IPS intranet and the IPS website.

Jim and Marie Murphy Endowed Scholarship
The Jim and Marie Murphy Endowed Scholarship will provide scholarships for children and grandchildren of County Officials Association of Tennessee (COAT) members or County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) employees. Eligible participants may attend any UT campus including Chattanooga, Knoxville, Martin, Memphis, Tullahoma and online. The scholarship recipient for the Murphy scholarship may be attending part-time.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 6, 2014
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LEIC Consultant, Training, Oak Ridge

### PROMOTIONS
Martha Kelley, CIS to Consultant II

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Michael Codega, CIS Solutions Consultant III, Memphis
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### CTAS

| April 1       | New Regulations in Workers Compensation  |
|              | Johnson City                             |
| April 2      | New Regulations in Workers Compensation  |
|              | Knoxville                                 |
| April 9-11   | Capstone                                  |
|              | Montgomery Bell State Park                |
| April 15     | New Regulations in Workers Compensation  |
|              | Knoxville                                 |
| April 16     | New Regulations in Workers Compensation  |
|              | Knoxville                                 |

### LEIC

| April 7-8    | First-Line Leadership, Jackson            |

### IPS SERVICE LONGEVITY

| Name         | Years
|--------------|------
| Rex Barton   | 19   |
| Lynn Reed    | 18   |
| Brett Ward   | 18   |
| Pat Frost    | 17   |
| Warren Nevad | 15   |
| Terry Hazard | 14   |
| Misty DePriest| 10 |
| Thaddeus Grace| 9    |
| Bonnie Jones | 7    |
| Misty Bean   | 6    |
| Brad Harris  | 2    |

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#### calendar

**CIS**
- April 1: 16-Hour DOT, Memphis
- April 3: 8-Hour DOT Refresher, Memphis
- April 9: OSHA 503 Update for General Industry Outreach Trainers, Nashville
- April 9: Form R, Cookeville
- April 10: Form R, Spring Hill
- April 11: Form R, Lewisburg
- April 15: OSHA 10-Hour General Industry Course, Jackson
- April 15: 40-Hour Site Worker, Knoxville
- April 16: Form R, Memphis
- April 17: Form R, Jackson
- April 22: OSHA 10-Hour General Industry Course, Knoxville
- April 28: Tennessee Basic Economic Development Course, Nashville
- April 28: 40-Hour Site Worker, Bell Buckle
- April 29: OSHA 501 Trainer Course in Standards for General Industry, Nashville

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**MTAS**
- April 1: Worker’s Compensation, Johnson City
- April 2: Communication Skills, Collegedale
- April 2: Worker’s Compensation, Knoxville
- April 9: Budget and Finance for the Manager, Cleveland
- April 14: Governmental Accounting I, Jackson
- April 14: Governmental Accounting I, Knoxville
- April 15: Worker’s Compensation, Jackson
- April 16: Worker’s Compensation, Franklin
- April 17: Employee Performance Evaluations, Morristown
- April 21: Governmental Accounting I, Nashville
- April 21: Governmental Accounting I, Kingsport
- April 21: Governmental Accounting I, Chattanooga
- April 22: How to Report Deferred Outflows, Inflows and Net Position, Murfreesboro
- April 23: Ethics in Government, Cleveland
- April 23: Managing a Culturally Diverse Workforce, Franklin
- April 29: Effective Leadership Series: The Power of Words, Jackson

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Requests for accommodations of a disability should be directed to the ADA Coordinator at the UTK Office of Human Resources, 600 Henley Street, Knoxville, TN 37996-4125.
Mike Garland
CTAS Executive Director

THE UT INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE (IPS) is losing one of its longest-standing employees and the senior executive director among the four agency directors. After 37 years with the County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) Mike Garland retired at the end of March.


Farewell....

“This is one of the most difficult decisions I have ever had to make,” Garland wrote in an email. “To all the CTAS staff, I would like to say that no words could ever express how proud I am to have had the opportunity to lead this organization. You are a great group of people. The strong support our program has always enjoyed is a reflection of your dedication to provide the best service possible to our customers. Not only have you always been there for our customers, but you have always been there for each other. CTAS has been my life since I joined the staff in 1977. I will always treasure the friendships I have as a result of working here. I realize there is nothing on this earth more prized than true friendship.”

Mike Garland
It is a sad day for our agency and staff to see the retirement of a great leader who directed our agency through so many positive changes. Mike has been a great advocate for innovation in many areas of our service to county officials. He has guided the staff through difficult times, and has maintained tremendous respect of the staff and built stronger friendships along the way. The CTAS family has been in good hands during Mike’s tenure as executive director. We will all miss his quotes and analogies of issues. We said we needed to write these “Mikeisms” down and with the sudden departure that will not be possible. I am sure many “Mikeisms” will surface in the future as issues arise and Mike’s influence will carry on.

Robin Roberts, CTAS Field Services Administrator

Never has there been a person more dedicated to counties, county officials, CTAS, and CTAS employees than Mike Garland. As “dean” of the senior leadership team he has always provided the historical perspective on issues and caused us to keep customers foremost in all our decisions. I wish Mike well as he moves into the next phase of his life.

Dr. Mary H. Jinks,
Vice President of Public Service

I believe that Mike began working at CTAS in 1977 as a county field advisor. I can remember Mike saying that “back then there was no such thing as a computer in the courthouse – most counties kept their financial records on a single entry ledger”. I can remember him saying that “one of the first big undertakings was to put those records in double-entry books”. County government has changed since then and Mike certainly “stepped up to the plate” to help county government until the day he decided to retire.

Rick Hall, CTAS County Government Consultant

Mike was the first IPS executive director to reach out to me when I came to UT in 2009. I have always appreciated his counsel and enjoyed our conversations. He is a true public servant, focused on serving his customers and devoted to his staff.

Dr. Paul Jennings, Executive Director,
Center for Industrial Services