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## Press Release

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Accepting Applications for Technology Training Program Classes Begin in January 2015

**HILLSBOROUGH AND PINELLAS COUNTIES (November 20, 2014)** – CareerSource Tampa Bay and CareerSource Pinellas are accepting applications for the final year of the *Tampa Bay Hi-Tech Training Program (HITT)*. The HITT program, funded with a \$3.8 million grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor, was created to provide training and industry-recognized certifications in the Information Technology and Telecommunications fields to the long-term unemployed, underemployed, or those interested in moving up the career ladder in these fields.

This is an excellent opportunity for unemployed and underemployed IT professionals to earn the necessary certifications employers require. Participants in the program can upgrade their technical skills while having their tuition, books, and industry certification exam fees covered. Applicants with some post-secondary education and/or IT experience is preferred, but not required. Training is provided by Hillsborough Community College and St. Petersburg College. Courses begin in January and will be offered throughout 2015. CareerSource Tampa Bay and CareerSource Pinellas also provide employability skills services and placement assistance to program participants.

As a career pathway program, the Tampa Bay Hi-Tech Training Program focuses on building a solid foundation for qualified IT and Telecommunications professionals to employ across the region. Program eligibility requirements apply for participants. Priority of service will be giving to veterans, including recently separated veterans and eligible spouses. For more information or to apply, visit [http://bit.ly/CSTB\\_HITT](http://bit.ly/CSTB_HITT).

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