Small Business Innovation Research and Workforce Development

Fall 2023 WTP Workshop

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The WTP Ecosystem

"NIEHS encourages applicants to … pursue partnerships and collaboration with NIEHS WTP awardees,

and to design new technology-enhanced training methods or e-Learning products that can enhance the existing NIEHS-supported curricula and training" **(RFA-ES-23-005)**
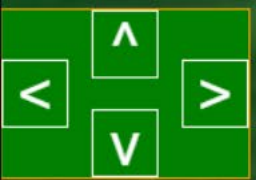
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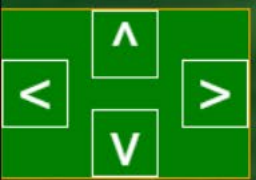
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Team-Based & Web-Based Virtual Field Exercises for HAZMAT Training

Partnered with schools for requirements assessment and prototype testing.

- **Atlantic Center for Occupational Health and Safety Training; Rutgers**
- **Western Region Universities Consortium; UCLA**
- **Midwest Consortium; Environmental Management Institute and Green Door Initiative**

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Beyond Traditional SBIR Collaboration: Workforce Development During Prototype Development

- Cell Podium and Green Door Initiative collaborate beyond the SBIR grant initial statement of work:

  Provide technical training in Detroit to their future workforce at Green Door Initiative

- Example training activities:
  - Color 3D models of assets
    - responders, hazards, buildings, fences, landscape, etc.
  - Animate 3D models
  - Situate assets in a HAZMAT training scenario.

Workforce Development Collaboration Builds Skills Needed in Many Industries

Technical Skills:

- Web Development

- Picture Editing

- 3D Modelling

- Web Animations

Needed in:

- Marketing and Sales

- Commercial Signs

- Website providers

- Freelancing

Don't forget the all-important soft skills!

- Motivation to develop initiative

- Skills in helping yourself: ChatGPT, Grammarly, Google Search, …

- Teach how to learn!

Next Steps

- Add 3D design and graphics design into the computer skills component (6 weeks @ 4 hours/week) of the existing Green Door Initiative environmental training program (12 weeks).

- Identify interested learners for co-curricular activities; funded throughout SBIR period of performance.

- Create a dedicated Computer Graphics training module as a new class in the Green Door Initiative environmental training program (12 weeks).

Peter at GDI computer lab

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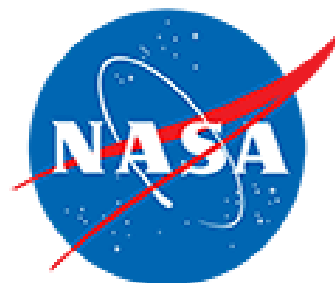Department of Transportation

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