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Monroeville Technology Firm Creates Program to Keep Graduates in Western PA

Monroeville, PA – One of the area's fastest growing technology firms, SDLC Partners, has added a new service to retain local talent – Community Sourcing. And, a team of five consultants hired through the program is now on-site at Highmark in Pittsburgh, PA.

"We truly wanted to create a process that would help keep some of our local talent from universities here in western Pennsylvania," said SDLC Principal Scott Barnyak. "With Community Sourcing, we have a platform to help recent graduates get connected more directly to the job market; we grew up in this area and want to help keep our intellectual capital here."

SDLC's Community Sourcing Program is aimed at retaining local talent, providing clients with a cost-effective option for securing business and/or technical resources while creating a sustainable environment for community growth.

The team at Highmark has been on-site since Sept. 21, 2005. And, According to Highmark's Manager of Client Quality John Tarcson, the process is working well.

"I think this (community sourcing) is a great concept," said Tarcson. "There are many graduates in the Pittsburgh area that go elsewhere for employment and to retain them here was appealing to us."

Darren Macioce, Highmark's senior vice president of operations, agrees. "This program appealed to us since it focuses on retaining local talent while providing a cost structure based on performance. This is a win for recent graduates, Highmark and the regional job market."

The consulting team at Highmark has been working on data quality ensuring that clients are set-up to be administered correctly. Team members are graduates of Robert Morris, Clarion, Carnegie Mellon, St. Vincent and the University of Pittsburgh.

Jason Smith, an SDLC consultant hired through the program, appreciates the opportunity to work in a corporate atmosphere. His background has been quite varied since graduating from Clarion University and most recently included a stint working outside of corporate America. Smith now enjoys his new position and the ability to work in the technology field.

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And, according to Barnyak, "The client is achieving multiple objectives; the team's assimilated well and has been productive...so, the project is meeting expectations."

Several other SDLC clients are now interested in the Community Sourcing Program. "We're looking at project lists and determining where or if the program fits," said Barnyak.

SDLC Partners opened its doors over a year ago serving as a consultancy that works with organizations, helping them implement technology solutions to address business needs. Along with Barnyak, firm principals include Christy Maruca and Chris Simchick.

SDLC's services include strategy and execution of: Business Process Modeling, Rational Unified Process, SOA, web services and (EAI) execution; end user reporting and business analytics, QA Testing, as well as custom development and support for Portals, web based and legacy applications; coupled with in source, outsource and Community Source delivery models.

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