

Vertikal6 Formalizes Apprenticeship Program with Apprenticeship RI

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Career Day Event Set For June 19 to Meet and Interview Interested Candidates

Vertikal6 is excited to announce that they have launched a one-year Registered Apprenticeship program for IT Support Technicians. This paid employment program offers one year of structured on-the-job training combined with related classroom instruction as a way to reliably fill skilled positions.

To recruit candidates for the program, a career fair is scheduled for June 19 at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick Hotel. There will be two sessions available: 9:00 am-12:30 pm or 5:00 pm-8:30 pm. Vertikal6 is encouraging candidates who have the aptitude for technology and the education to match, to attend one of the sessions for the opportunity to interview for available positions. Minimum qualifications include high school diploma/GED, proficiency in basic computer skills, and customer service experience. Registration can be completed at www.V6Apprentice.EventBrite.com.

With an increased need for IT specialists, Vertikal6 is taking charge by launching a custom-designed apprenticeship programs. Vertikal6, a full-service IT consultant, has a long history of utilizing this apprenticeship model to train the Support Technicians. A large majority of their team has been

trained through an apprenticeship model, which was used at the foundation for the more formalized program with Apprenticeship Rhode Island.

“Apprenticeship really has been a great opportunity for us to close the “skills gap”, said Rick Norberg, CEO of Vertikal6. “It allows us to take talent development into our own hands by grooming talent through the right combination of education and on-the-job experience. It has reduced turnover and increased employee retention.”

“As the pace of doing business continues to increase, so must the ability to develop highly skilled, adaptive and productive workers”, said Andrew Cortés, Executive Director of Building Futures – home of Apprenticeship RI. “Vertikal6 has shown Apprenticeship effectively accomplishes these important goals. The IT sector is of unparalleled importance in the decades ahead, and it was our pleasure to work with their talented team to design and launch this program which will meet the workforce needs of this innovative and growing IT firm.”

Vertikal6’s custom-designed program matches the competencies required for their IT Support Technicians, including National Certifications such as Comptia Network+, and training towards Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) and Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate (MCSA) certifications. Both of these are multi-test certifications and Vertikal6 trains for specific tests

within these certification paths including the Network+, 2 MTA tests and 1 MCSA exam.

“During my apprenticeship I gained more skills, knowledge, independence, and confidence than I ever thought possible in such a short period of time.” Says Jenna Barboza, currently Support Team Lead at Vertikal6 and a graduate of the Vertikal6 apprentice program. “The program gave me the understanding and self-confidence I needed to be successful in IT. Since graduating from the program, I have been promoted twice and am beyond thankful to be with a company that helped me turn my degree into a career.”

About Apprenticeship RI

Apprenticeship Rhode Island is a federally-funded US Department of Labor American Apprenticeship Initiative with a goal of expanding apprenticeship beyond the traditional trade industries. In partnership with the RI Department of Labor and Training, Apprenticeship Rhode Island is developing apprenticeship programs with employers, industry associations, and educational partners across

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multiple industry areas including: IT, Healthcare, Manufacturing, Marine Trades, Landscape/Nursery, Transportation and more. Apprenticeship RI provides technical assistance, at no-cost to employer partners, in the design launch of customized Registered Apprenticeships programs. To learn more about Apprenticeship RI, visit and www.apprenticeshipri.org.

About Vertikal6

Vertikal6 is a full service IT consultant serving the Greater New England area. They offer IT Outsourcing, Professional Services, Hosting Services and Software Development to help their clients maximize revenue and uptime. As one of Providence Business News' (PBN) fastest growing and most innovative companies in 2014 and a PBN Best Places to Work in 2016 and 2017, they understand the impact of hard work and efficiency. They work hard to partner with their clients to understand the specific needs of their company and employees. To learn more about Vertikal6, visit www.vertikal6.com.