



nPower Teachers is a partnership of school districts, business and industry in southwest Washington that aims to help teachers identify ways to bring awareness of STEM careers and skills to students in grades 6-12. The driving force behind our program is partnering with area businesses that highlight the range of applicable STEM jobs and how particular skills support STEM literacy.

**Our goal is to connect teachers directly to STEM businesses and jobs locally, so they can create awareness and authentic connections to student learning in school.**

Our teachers visit our partner sites for a career-related 'mini-externship' – a 2 to 3 hour visit where we learn about your company's positions, meet professionals in a range of jobs, and learn how they became interested in their field. Teachers then use this learning by developing classroom activities to highlight the careers and skills, and help their students identify their own STEM-relevant skills.

The commitment from the industry partner includes:

- Hosting the mini-externship for 25-30 teachers and program staff
- Collaborating with the Project Director on the agenda and appropriate questions
- Recruiting staff members to share their work, the problems that they work to solve, and what they're own career path looked like
- Supporting the facilitation of a panel discussion with the Project Director
- Helping secure space and technology for the site visit event, if necessary

I would love the opportunity to talk with you, or the appropriate contact, in more detail. Please contact me at your convenience.

Best,

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