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Miami Valley Career Tech Center and Woolpert Partner to Grow High-tech Jobs in Dayton Area

DAYTON, Ohio (October 31, 2011)... The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) and Woolpert, a national geospatial, design and infrastructure management consulting firm headquartered in Dayton, have recently partnered to support the growth of high-tech jobs in the Dayton area through development of an MVCTC GIS program.

One of MVCTC's newest courses, GIS and Technical Intelligence Tech Prep, was developed in partnership with Woolpert, which provides GIS, mapping and surveying services to federal, state/local and private-sector clients across the U.S. Through this course, students learn about geospatial information systems, GPS data collection and analysis as well as the applications these technologies and processes have on fields such as military intelligence, urban planning and remote sensing.

"While many disciplines in our industry aren't experiencing growth, the demand for geospatial jobs continues to increase despite the economic downturn. We are proud to support MVCTC's desire to provide area students with the means to get an edge on geospatial knowledge prior to entering the workforce or pursuing higher education," said Jeff Lovin, Woolpert senior vice president and director of geospatial services.

MVCTC is committed to preparing Miami Valley high school students for the demands of today's workforce. By partnering with local business and industry leaders such as Woolpert, MVCTC is able to ensure students are receiving the skills necessary to be, and stay employed in this unstable economy. The Woolpert partnership provides MVCTC students with guest speakers, field trips, mentoring and job placement opportunities. "MVCTC has one of only two GIS high school programs in the state of Ohio. With the support of Woolpert, MVCTC students have the opportunity to experience a new and evolving career field," said Rhonda Phillips, MVCTC Business and Information Technology Supervisor.

Woolpert has a history of hiring students who have attended MVCTC. Most recently, the firm permanently hired a student interning at the firm who completed the GIS and Technical Intelligence Tech Prep course.

For more information on MVCTC's GIS and Technical Intelligence Tech Prep course, go to <http://www.mvctc.com/gi>.

About Woolpert

Woolpert, ranked by *Engineering News-Record* as a top national design firm, provides professional design, geospatial and infrastructure services to clients in the public and private sectors. Founded in 1911, Woolpert's innovative design approach and commitment to the creative application of technology have grown the firm into a leader in the consulting industry. With more than 650 professionals in 22 offices located throughout the U.S., Woolpert's collaborative and multidisciplinary approach is driven by great people, great clients and great projects. For more information on Woolpert, visit Woolpert's [website](#). To see how Woolpert has contributed to the advancement of the industry as the firm celebrates 100 years in business, visit the [100-year site](#). For insight on industry trends and emerging topics, visit our [Thought Leaders blog](#).

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