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Students from across the United States visit Capitol Hill

Leading Job Corps management contractor hosts student leaders at Washington DC conference

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(WASHINGTON, DC) – Students from the Job Corps centers Management & Training Corporation (MTC) operates – or partners in operating – descended upon our nation’s capitol last week, to attend informational sessions and to meet with their state’s members of Congress. The annual MTC Student Leadership Conference hosted about 70 students from Job Corps centers spanning the country from Massachusetts to Hawaii.

“We believe this is a great opportunity for our students,” said MTC President Scott Marquardt. “As a manager of Job Corps centers for nearly 30 years, MTC has learned how critical it is for our students to receive a well-rounded education. In addition to the work they do to improve their lives on center, we feel experiences like this are also very important. Now we expect these students to take what they learned during the conference back to share with their fellow students.”

In addition to the students, about 150 MTC employees were also in Washington DC to attend several different conferences of their own. Most of them joined the students for their Capitol Hill visits. The visitors met with more than 100 Senators and Representatives to discuss the Job Corps program’s effectiveness and challenges.

Lawmakers this year have authorized Job Corps’ largest funding increase in 10 years. Last week President Obama signed into law the \$410 billion fiscal year (FY) 2009 omnibus spending bill. It includes \$1.66 billion for Job Corps, a 5.4 percent increase over the current year. Additionally, the *2009 American Recovery and Investment Act* (the “stimulus bill”) also includes \$250 million for the Job Corps program, primarily for the repair and upgrade of existing facilities.

MTC operates – or partners in operating – 26 Job Corps centers, in 18 states and the District of Columbia. This represents 21 percent of the 122 Job Corps centers now in operation, making MTC the largest private manager of centers in the country.

Job Corps provides underprivileged youth ages 16 to 24 with tax-funded educational and vocational opportunities. The program offers students the chance to earn a G.E.D. or high school diploma, training in a wide variety of vocations and up to two years of college for free. Job Corps currently serves more than 60,000 students annually. Five new centers are scheduled to open over the next three years.

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