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**MEDIA ALERT**

**Questa Foundation and WorkOne Northeast to Announce New Funds to Help Workers Earn Degrees in High Tech, High Demand Fields**

Monday, May 2, 2011, Fort Wayne, Indiana – Questa Foundation for Education will host a joint news conference with WorkOne Northeast to announce a major, immediate investment of financial resources this summer to help transitioning workers pursue college degrees in high demands fields related to the advanced manufacturing, defense and aerospace industries critical to northeast Indiana’s economy.

**Thursday, May 5, 2011**

**9:30 a.m.**

**WorkOne Northeast Corporate Office  
Fourth Wave Building Lobby  
300 E. Main Street  
Fort Wayne, Indiana**

**(Parking available in lot adjacent to Fourth Wave Building on east side)**

Christina K. Smith, executive director of Questa Foundation, will be joined by Kathleen Randolph, president and CEO of Partners for Workforce Solutions, to announce the new partnership and provide details about the considerable new financial resources available to workers across northeast Indiana to pursue additional training and degrees in industry sectors vital to our region’s economic development.

For media inquiries about the news conference, please contact Christina K. Smith, Questa Foundation’s executive director, at 260.407.6494 or [cksmith@questafoundation.org](mailto:cksmith@questafoundation.org).

**About Questa Foundation for Education:** Questa Foundation for Education assists young people with financial need to attain a college education, graduate with less debt and become contributing members of northeast Indiana’s workforce. The Questa Scholars Program is the nation’s only college loan forgiveness program tied to regional talent retention. In 2010, Questa Foundation adopted a strategic goal to increase college attainment rates in northeast Indiana from 26.5% to 60% of 22-26 year olds by 2025. For more information, visit [www.questafoundation.org](http://www.questafoundation.org).

***About WorkOne Northeast:*** WorkOne is a partner agency of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. WorkOne Northeast is the heart of Indiana's workforce development system in northeast Indiana. WorkOne helps people find a new or better job, choose a career, find a good employee, access training, or get the information needed to succeed in today's ever-evolving workplace. For more information, visit [www.workonenortheast.org](http://www.workonenortheast.org).

***About Partners for Workforce Solutions:*** Partners for Workforce Solutions, a non-profit firm based in Fort Wayne, Indiana, was hired in April 2009 by WorkOne Northeast as a Regional Operator for Regions 2 and 3 to deliver workforce development and training services.

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