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Summer Internship Program with an Important Twist

Skokie, IL, What if you could be an intern in a program where your educational experience was the primary focus and not your willingness to be an accommodating gopher? Jim Hechtman, Managing Partner of The Hechtman Group, Ltd. (THG), had that idea in mind when he committed to collaboration with five small to midsize CPA firms that resulted in just such a program. “Beginning a career in the accounting profession requires more than technical knowledge. Young professionals need to understand the marketplace as well as different work environments and company cultures. They can gain a wealth of practical insights from observing client interactions and different forms of service delivery. The world beyond the classroom presents many challenges and choices and we want to help launch successful careers based on a realistic view of the industry. The internship program is about making that happen – not billable hours derived from summer help”, says Hechtman.

Beginning early in June, the program will guide eight well qualified interns through a two month hands-on educational experience that ranges from applied learning in Quick Books to interactions with senior staff and partners. Their experience will include development of practical skills like business networking as well as learning about the CPA industry from noted speakers like Mark Rosenberg, originator of the nationally recognized Rosenberg Survey. Each intern will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship at the end of the program.

The firms participating in the program along with THG, include Porte Brown LLC of Elk Grove Village, Brown Kaplan + Liss LLP of Evanston, Silver, Lerner, Schwartz & Fertel of Skokie and Weltman Bernfield, of Buffalo Grove, whose firm led initial development of the concept, and ultimately named it The Weltman Bernfield 2012 Summer Internship Program.

“THG has an entrepreneurial culture and strong focus on being a trusted business advisor to our clients. Our Prism CFO and Controller services are prime examples of understanding the needs of our growth oriented clients and designing services tailored for them. We will be exposing the eight interns to what a fast-paced small firm operating with a well defined target market focus looks like in action. It is a terrific opportunity to “give back” to a profession we all care about”, says Hechtman.

About The Hechtman Group

Since 1961, The Hechtman Group (THG) has provided CPA and consulting services to its clients. THG specializes in accounting, tax, attest, advisory and outsourced services designed for growth-oriented small businesses. The firm is known for helping its clients to consistently achieve their goals and for delivering highly responsive services. THG serves a variety of cross-industry clients as well as offering decades of experience serving the real estate industry.