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### COMPUTER SCHOOL PREPARES STUDENTS FOR NEW ECONOMY TECHNOLOGIES

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - 2010-06-01 - Philadelphia, PA - The economy may be making a slow turn around but CTS Computer School is preparing its students with marketable recession proof-skills.

Since the economy fell off nearly two-and-a-half years ago, CTS, a private computer school in the Rhawnhurst section, has seen a 50% increase of individuals in small business, automotive, banking and the healthcare fields inquire about strengthening their computer skills.

Most people discovered that their self-taught computer skills were fine when working at a job where inputting information into a computer program is a daily routine. However, almost all of them lost out on employment opportunities when interviewed and asked to perform translations, document mapping, tracking changes, quick styles, illustrations, decimal indents, conditional formatting, formula auditing and document security which are topics in Microsoft Word and Excel.

Nearly 30% of the unemployed workers who inquired about strengthening their computer skills failed at answering this question at interviews: "What can you tell me about computers?"

The owner of CTS designed a 3-month computer course back in 2006 to assist individuals to gain and strengthen their computer skills for home, business, or employment. This course gives the individual the ability to learn how computers work and how to create and manipulate specific Microsoft Office products. Computer beginners, as well as self taught computer users, have accomplished many goals with this training without going into debt in these difficult economic times.

Ms. Beverly Merritt, one of CTS best students currently seeking a good paying job in the office clerical field states, "My computer skills before I enrolled in CTS were basic, or so I thought they were, but as I started going to the classes I realized my skills were more like a beginner. In a short period of time, I have gained excellent knowledge in Microsoft Office and computers that I feel confident that I will eventually find meaningful employment to help my family."

Business owners have also benefited from the ability to aggressively tackle simple to complex computer tasks. Mrs. Helen Shiffler, owner of Jeans Craft in Port Richmond, explains to CTS, "My search for computer training began when my office PC had a Blue screen. When I called in a repair person it was apparent I had very little knowledge of my computer and had difficulty articulating the problems I had faced. I had been fearful of the computer but managed to send and receive e-mails, and chop and fumble through making letters. Now after 12 short weeks, the fear of computers has been replaced with confidence. I am a transformed confident PC user and no longer 'Needy.' I have learned to check my PC, upgrade



memory, understand PC terminology, navigate through Microsoft Word and so much more.”

April Johnson, owner of CTS, expresses to everyone that, “Technology is here to stay and having the right marketable skills can make easier earn a respectable income whether you’re in business or searching for meaningful employment.”

Anyone desiring to begin learning about computers or need to strengthen their current computer skills call CTS (215) 939-3089 for more information and a free skills assessment.

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