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### **TWG is Developing Tomorrow's Workforce in Today's Classrooms!**

More than 30 school districts have now implemented Middle and/or High School LEAD Career Pathways and the results are nothing short of awe inspiring. Today, Middle School students in TWG's LEAD Information Technology Career Academies alone have earned more than 3500 in-demand Microsoft and Adobe certifications - better preparing them for college and/or careers and better preparing their communities to face the workforce demands of the future.

"Our passion is to provide today's youth with marketable skill sets we believe are key to opening the doors of future education and employment opportunities for these students...many of whom are from rural and Title 1 schools. We are thrilled to have proven these much needed skills can be earned by any student regardless of socio-economic background or demographics and students can begin earning these skills as early as middle school - creating even greater expansion of the student's development in high school and postsecondary environments." - Melissa Bumpers, President, The Whetstone Group

Students are earning nationally recognized industry certifications in remarkably short time frames in programs designed using the LEAD CTE Pathway Model.

**Dublin, GA** – Dublin City Middle School: 44 students have earned 69 MOS Certifications since the beginning of SY 2014-2015

**Franklin County, FL** – Franklin County School K-12 and ABC Middle School: 92+ MOS Certifications since the beginning of SY 2014-2015

"I am in awe at the success that the Franklin County School and the Apalachicola Bay Charter School have had with the Microsoft Office Specialist 2013 program. The Whetstone Group has been very proactive for the Franklin County School District program as they guided our staff through the processes." - Nina Marks, Superintendent, Franklin County School District

#### **About The Whetstone Group**

Founded in 2004, The Whetstone Group (TWG) is located in Jacksonville, Florida and is a leader in Community Workforce Transformation through the establishment of career educational offerings linked to local, state and regional economic drivers.

TWG is dedicated to ensuring businesses and communities establish a competitive edge through a well-defined and developed workforce.

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