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Wisconsin Firms Search for IT Staffers

Students in MATC's network security class enjoy something most college students don't: an extremely promising job market. MATC says 90 percent of its graduates find jobs immediately in the information technology field.

Businesses across Wisconsin are facing a shortage of experienced high-level IT workers. The problem affects businesses in all industries, since nearly every company needs computer professionals.

The IT Association of Wisconsin says over the past four years, the number of students enrolling and graduating from IT programs at Wisconsin colleges fell by 60 percent.

"They think it's risky, they think the salaries are going to be compressed, and they think their job will be off-shored and they'll be out of a job," said Jim Rice, the association's former president and current board member.

Businesses are now offering jobs to younger IT workers, expanding internship programs, lobbying for training tax credits, and launching PR efforts to encourage students, parents, and high schools to consider the IT f



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