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## *Part of CBIA business/education partnership to help maintain a skilled workforce*

Two Connecticut teachers are spending two weeks in two of the state's largest companies learning about energy and green technologies. The teachers are part of a program funded by the National Science Foundation's Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST) grant, administered by the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA).

Shane Clark of Bristol, a math teacher at New Britain High School, will be working at General Electric in Plainville. Clark will work with engineers designing electric vehicle charging stations.

Elizabeth Clinton of New Milford, a math teacher at Wilby High School in Waterbury, will be at Northeast Utilities in Berlin from July 5 to July 15. She will be exploring all aspects of the utility industry.

This program underscores the importance of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) in order to maintain a competitive workforce. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the fastest-growing occupations involve careers in technology, engineering, healthcare, and financial services—all requiring strong STEM skills.

Two of the ITEST project's industry partners—General Electric and Northeast Utilities—are providing the industry experiences for the teachers participating in the program. They have invited teachers to spend time in their facilities learning about emerging technologies and the skills necessary for students to succeed in today's workforce.

“Business participation is key if we are going to succeed with the ITEST program,” said Judith K. Resnick, executive director of CBIA's Education Foundation. “The program helps teachers understand today's workplace so they can teach their students about the skills needed for high-tech careers in energy and green technology.”

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*The CBIA Education Foundation is a nonprofit affiliate of CBIA, the state's largest business organization, with 10,000 members.*



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