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## SAO and BEC join forces in an exciting new partnership to SEED the future!

Welcome SAO members!

The Software Association of Oregon (SAO) and the Business Education Compact (BEC) are pleased to announce an exciting, strategic partnership. SEED has been launched in response to the stated needs of SAO members for targeted workforce development and the desire to support quality education across the K-20 spectrum.

The relationship with the BEC brings the two priorities together, connecting the classroom and workplace through paid internships for high school and college students as well as educators.

No organization knows more about linking business and education than the BEC. That depth of experience in matching interns to business requirements will serve well the needs of SAO members, like it has been doing for Intel since 1993. In that time, over 2,000 interns have been placed across its Oregon campuses.

Simply identify a business need where a student or educator intern would fit. It may be a long-term job well-suited to grow a potential member of the workforce, a summer project requiring high level skills, or something in between. The BEC will be happy to help you create a job description for posting and identify the right level of candidate. The BEC will then provide all the human resource, management and payroll services to support you and the intern, including insurance and workers compensation. You determine the rate of pay. The BEC will do the rest. Explore BEC internship services at [www.becpdx.org](http://www.becpdx.org).

The SEED program is designed as a turn-key approach for SAO members to grow our future workforce. Participation is easy.

SAO members are encouraged to take advantage of this SEED program to help groom a future workforce and increase organizational and industry competitiveness. In the process, you'll be investing in an education system that not only prepares its students well for work, but for citizenship and lifelong learning.

We hope to celebrate your participation in this important statewide initiative soon!