

# ★ DAKOTA DEFENSE ALLIANCE ★

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ND COLLEGE STUDENTS HAVE GREAT INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN 2010!

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## DDA HELPS ND STUDENTS GET HIGH-RATED INTERNSHIP POSITIONS

The DDA is announcing today an opportunity for ND college students in the Engineering Program to apply for a paid internship at DRS Technologies, Inc. in Melbourne, Florida this summer.

DRS Technologies, Inc. headquartered in Parsippany, NJ is a leading supplier of integrated products, services and support to military forces. The company typically offers over 20 internships each year. This year the Tactical Systems Group of DRS has awarded six positions to ND college students through the Dakota Defense Alliance. DRS is a wholly owned subsidiary of Finmeccanica S.p.A., which employs more than 73,000 people worldwide. As one of the fastest growing defense contractors in the world, DRS Technologies, Inc. will be quite beneficial in providing work experience for college students here in ND. To find out more visit them on the web at [www.drs.com](http://www.drs.com).

The positions will be posted next week online at College and University websites. Three positions will be offered to last years interns and three more positions will be filled as well. DRS is looking for students with a combination of engineering skills, strong scholastic achievement and a skill set compatibility to serve the needs of the company.

Two students from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks were selected; Crystal Kelly, a Senior studying Mechanical and Electrical Engineering and Shane Dutton, also studying Mechanical Engineering. Jameson Bickert, a Junior studying Electrical Engineering at North Dakota State University in Fargo were selected last year and will have the chance to continue this year as well.

These student interns will be working through the summer months where they will have the opportunity to work in an area of engineering environment alongside some of the smartest people in the industry. DRS will provide travel to and from Melbourne, and housing accommodations for their time there.

"Brought to the Great Plains to complete the aviation requirements of my engineering degree, it was the people that made me stay. I have made a lifelong commitment to the entrepreneurial and technical development of North Dakota. DRS was amazing and has retained its' top talent," said Crystal Kelly of her experience with the internship last summer.

### **About the Dakota Defense Alliance**

With 35 members ranging from high-tech manufacturing, information technology, program management, business administration as well as several other areas the DDA hopes to reach out and create more awareness of the opportunities that businesses as well as students have right here in North Dakota. The DDA helps small and medium-sized businesses network with prime contractors to gain more opportunity, create more jobs and to stimulate our economy. The DDA also works with several economic development corporations to stimulate growth in rural areas as well as assist in the development of worthy programs in the Educational system. To find out more information visit [www.dakotadefensealliance.com](http://www.dakotadefensealliance.com).

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*"We are particularly excited to work with DRS given that North Dakota native; LTG(R) Jerry Sinn from Garrison, North Dakota is at the helm serving as President of the Tactical Systems Group" ~Kristin Hedger, Executive Director of DDA.*