



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Tech Team Supports Michigan's 3<sup>rd</sup> Construction Career Days**

More than 2000 youth from 46 Michigan schools registered to participate in Michigan's third Construction Career Days held earlier this week at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg, MI. The event provided Michigan middle and high school students with an opportunity to experience construction and transportation fields through hands-on, heavy construction equipment activities, informational exhibits and demonstrations.

Michigan Tech's team included representatives from Civil and Environmental Engineering, the School of Technology's Construction Management and Land Survey Programs, the Michigan Tech Transportation Institute's Rail Transportation Program, the Admissions Office, the College of Engineering, Michigan's Local Technical Assistance Program and the University Transportation Center for Materials in Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure (UTC-MiSTI).

The UTC-MiSTI provides program support to offset school transportation expenses making it more financially feasible for schools to participate. "UTC-MiSTI has been a platinum sponsor of the event since its inception here in Michigan in 2008. Our funding directly supports school transportation costs to allow the schools to be able to send youth to the event. Some schools still have to hold a lottery to pick the students who will be able to attend because the interest is greater than they can support even with our help," explained Beth Hoy, Assistant Director UTC-MiSTI. Involvement in Construction Career Days supports the Centers goals to attract youth to the career and education opportunities supporting the transportation industry. Hoy adds, "The Center's involvement and support of Michigan's Construction Career Days is helping to ensure a diverse and talented workforce to help meet future transportation needs here in Michigan while providing vital career and educational awareness of the opportunities for Michigan youth."

Photos from the two day event are posted on the following website

<http://www.mtu.edu/constructioncareerday/>.

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