

Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Southeastern Pennsylvania Announces New Appointments and Promotion of Three Staff Employees

PHILADELPHIA, PA (www.sep.benfranklin.org) – Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Southeastern Pennsylvania (BFTP/SEP), in its continuing recognition of the professional growth and achievements of its employees, has announced the new appointments and promotions for three staff members.

Richard C. Wells has been appointed Manager, Human Resources and Operations. Wells is responsible for human resource management, development, employee relations, and staff recruitment and retention. The position also oversees performance management, and employee retirement and benefits plans. Previously, Wells was Human Resources Director and Legal Administrator for VanGrack, Axelson, Williamowsky, Bender & Fishman P.C in Rockville, MD. Well holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University at Carbondale in Southern Illinois.

Jaron J. Rhodes has been promoted to Manager, Marketing and Communications Group. Rhodes is responsible for developing and implementing plans to promote the organization's mission and programs to entrepreneurs, researchers and partner organizations in the region. He has been with BFTP/SEP for a year and a half, and holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

Erik Summa has been appointed Graphic Designer and Marketing Coordinator, Marketing and Communications Group. Summa is responsible for internal and external graphic needs, including company advertisements, websites, brochure and print collateral. He also coordinates company sponsorships and portfolio company communications. Summa, who was previously Web Architect and Graphic Designer for Witmer Associates in Coatsville, PA, holds a Bachelor's degree from West Chester University.

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About Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Southeastern Pennsylvania

Since 1982, Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Southeastern Pennsylvania (BFTP/SEP) has served as a catalyst for stimulating entrepreneurial potential by developing systems to accelerate the transition of scientific discovery and technology development to commercialization. Part of a statewide network in Pennsylvania, BFTP/SEP provides entrepreneurs and established businesses the capital, knowledge and networks they need to compete in the global marketplace. BFTP/SEP has provided more than \$130 million to over 1,600 regional enterprises. BFTP/SEP is a founding partner of The Nanotechnology Institute™ (NTI) and the Mid-Atlantic Nanotechnology Alliance (MANA®), and is funded by Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development. For additional information, please visit www.sep.benfranklin.org

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