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PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS INTERNSHIP FOR TWO RUSSIANS FROM TULA

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Two senior executives from Tula, Russia arrived in the Capital Region on Sunday, June 24 to participate in a two-week business internship provided by the sister-city organization, the Albany-Tula Alliance.

Olesya Gulevskaya, finance director for a large digital marketing company in Tula called Ingate and **Sergey Torin**, Director of PPP Development Department at the JSC Tula Region Development Corporation, were chosen by the ATA Business Committee to participate in classes, lectures and meetings in an effort to bolster citizen-to-citizen diplomatic relations between cultures. The candidates spent their first four days at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road attending the *Basic Economic Development Course* learning about the strategies and policies for the international trade of products and services.



“This was a very useful and powerful experience for me,” said Torin. “I am incredibly grateful to the Alliance for this opportunity.”

“The knowledge I gained during this course helped to strengthen my understanding of business practices in the U.S.,” said Gulevskaya.

ATA Chair, David Smith agreed. He emphasized that the mission of the ATA is to strengthen bonds between people and institutions in the Tula and Capital Region and that opportunities like this help.



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NYSEDC Executive Director, Ryan Silva, handed out certificates upon completion of the course. He added that he was impressed by the ease with which both visitors engaged with their fellow students.



Further opportunities continue this week with a visit to the Center for Economic Growth (CEG) in Albany, the Saratoga Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) in Saratoga Springs and Empire State Development (ESD) in Troy.

Should the local media be interested in an interview with Gulevskaya or Torin both speak good English and are available until Sunday, July 7. Please contact Vladimir Kuperman at 518.763.3512.

Photos of our intern's experiences in the Capital Region can be downloaded at: www.flickr.com/albanytula.

The Albany-Tula Alliance is a grassroots, not-for-profit volunteer organization composed of citizens of Albany and the surrounding Capital Region of New York State. Partnering with citizens of Tula, Russia, we have come together to provide mutual support and inspiration and to carry on a long-term program dedicated to the growth and well-being of both communities.

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