

N-Quotes

I have previously worked contracts during my 11 years in the Semiconductor Industry, but NSTAR has proven to be the best contact employer I've worked with. NSTAR contacted me in September of 2004, and explained the Material Coordinator position they had available within driving distance from my home in Oregon. The recruiters were polite, knowledgeable, and answered all the questions I had. Everyone I spoke with at NSTAR proved to be friendly and personable, and they really took my desires into consideration. NSTAR allowed me to give 2 weeks notice to my employer at the time, offered me a competitive salary, and made the entire process very smooth.

One unique thing about NSTAR in comparison to similar contracting companies, is that NSTAR offers paid holidays and health benefits, which was the icing on the cake. I have been happily employed with NSTAR since October 1, 2004, and look forward to celebrating my 3 year anniversary this fall.

-Bo Fickel

After 15 years in the semicon industry, I had been through one downsize, and one plant shutdown. Without a job, I decided to redirect my focus and earn an ASET degree. As my education was nearing completion, I began preparing for a new career search. The last position I held was as a Maintenance Technician, and I had not touched a tool in 2 years while I was in school. After NSTAR contacted me, I did some research on their company, and decided to call them back. I am very happy I did!

I spoke with several NSTAR employees, but Tim was my main contact at NSTAR, and he was very prompt about answering my questions and concerns. In a span of 2 1/2 months, NSTAR employees spoke with me about several positions. I got to choose which positions I was interested in, and after just a few interviews, received an offer for a Field Service Engineer position with a major OEM based out of Boise, Idaho. It was great to be able to receive a job as an Engineer after being out of the semicon loop for 2 years, and with Maintenance Technician experience. NSTAR made my transition back into the industry very easy. Thanks for everything!

- Jeff Johnson

New CoNstruction

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[SEMATECH is Expanding, Not Moving](#)

Despite stories of SEMATECH moving to a new location, its international headquarters and R&D operations will be cultivated at the current Albany location.

[New Factory Makes China the Strategic Base for Sony Ericsson](#)

Sony Ericsson has started construction of a new factory in Beijing, which covers 18,500 sqm and will manufacture mobile handsets and assemble surface mounted circuit boards.

[Chartered Raises \\$610 Million for Fab 7 Expansion](#)

Chartered Semiconductor will expand capacity at its 300mm Fab 7, with a \$610 million loan which will be used to purchase process equipment from U.S. tool suppliers.

[Osram to Build LED Wafer Fab in Malaysia](#)

Osram GmbH announced plans to erect an LED wafer processing line, in addition to its existing backend facility, in Penang, Malaysia. There are also plans to inaugurate a new production module in their Regensburg, Germany facility by the end of this year.

[STATS ChipPAC opens R&D Center for Advanced Packaging](#)

STATS ChipPAC is building a new R&D facility in Singapore, which will concentrate on next-generation packaging. The facility will initially be staffed with 40 engineers and a lineup of photolithography, plasma etching, and deep reactive ion etching equipment.

[Samsung Opens 300mm Flash Fab in Texas](#)

In Austin, Texas, Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd has opened a 1.6 million sqft 300mm NAND flash memory wafer plant. This plant is one of the largest semiconductor facilities in the United States. The \$3.5 billion facility will begin operation in 2007 and produce 60,000 wafers per month by 2008.

[Russia Considers Plans for a 300mm Wafer Fab](#)

Russia is collaborating with the "Kedah Group" to construct a 300mm wafer fab in the city of Nizhny Novgorod. Plans include the construction of wafer fabrication facilities capable of 200mm and 300mm manufacturing at up to 30,000 wafer starts per month.

[Powerchip Plans its 200mm Foundry for a Fab Spin-Off](#)

Powerchip Semiconductor Corporation is planning to use Fab8A, its 200mm facility which has a dedicated foundry, for a new subsidiary named Maxchip.

[ST Microelectronics to Take Full Control of Crolles2](#)

Freescale's Crolles2 is set to be disbanded at the end of 2007, and ST Microelectronics expects to take full control of it. ST expects to purchase all the tools in place at Crolles2 and plans to increase capacity from 10,000 wspm to 11,200 wspm by 2008.

Nside NSTAR



With Kristen... Customer Service Assistant

Kristen grew up in Woodbury, Connecticut and moved to Clayton, North Carolina when she was 10 years old. She assists Sandy in our Customer Service Department, answers questions from candidates, and makes travel arrangements for our employees. In her free time she loves to read, watch or attend hockey games, cook, and work on puzzles.

What do you love about NSTAR? The wonderful people and the great work atmosphere.

Tell us an interesting fact about you? I am fascinated by anything involving outer space.

What are your favorite sports teams? Carolina Hurricanes and the UNC Tar Heels

If you won the lottery, what would be the first thing you would do? Travel to Europe and the Caribbean.

Who would you most like to meet? Eric Staal with the Carolina Hurricanes, Sidney Crosby of the Pittsburgh Penguins, and Tyler Florence, chef on the Food Network.

Do you have any pets? 2 Cats: Cloey and Sandy

What is your favorite food? All Italian food, and Cheesecake

What is your biggest pet-peeve? People who chew loudly, especially when they have gum.

What is your favorite movie? Some of my favorites are "The Lion King," "Miracle," "One Fine Day," and "Robin Hood Men in Tights."

If your life was a movie, what would the title be, and who would play you? "Kristen with an E," starring Amanda Peet.

What is a good book you have read lately? Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J.K. Rowling, and Rocket Boys (also know as October Sky) by Homer Hickam Jr.

What is your favorite G-Rated word? Holy Mackerels!!

What else would you like people to know about you? I love to cook but I am really clumsy, so I tend to make quite a mess!

Safety Matters

Click on the Safety CHIP to read our latest *Safety Matters* focusing on the Fire Diamond.



We welcome questions, comments, and suggestions.



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