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2013: GOVERNOR BOB MCDONNELL'S WORKFORCE AGENDA

The Governor's workforce agenda moves forward the three primary goals of the Governor's Workforce Development strategy: increasing the number of education and workforce credentials attained by Virginians; increasing the number of Virginians trained and prepared for technician level jobs in key industry sectors; and increasing collaboration and resource sharing between federal and state funded career and technical education and workforce programs in Virginia to drive improved performance against common outcomes identified by the Governor, Virginia Workforce Council, and industry advisory groups.

The initiatives focus on collaboration and leveraging of resources between community colleges and other higher education partners, school divisions, economic and workforce development entities, business and industry, and Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) for the purpose of increasing education credential attainment and employment in targeted industry sectors.

BUDGET

State and Regional Career Pathways Development (\$1,750,000)

- Provides for the Virginia Community College system to award 15 regional career pathways grants to support sector strategies and lifelong career pathways development statewide.
- Pathways grants must target priority industry sectors: manufacturing, IT, life sciences, energy and logistics.
- Requires engagement of WIBs, community colleges, other higher education entities, school divisions, economic development and the private sector.
- Funding provides for state outreach and marketing, technical assistance to regions, and evaluation.

Virginia Longitudinal Data System (\$291,355)

- Provides for sustainability and improvements in multi-agency VLDS system.
- Funding for acquiring additional data through National Student Clearinghouse and technology and data analysis functions.

Planning Grant for Advanced Integrated Manufacturing Center at Thomas Nelson Community College (\$125,000)

- Support community college, industry, and WIB planning of advanced manufacturing center in integrated digital processes, from design and rapid prototyping to additive manufacturing, to meet projected regional needs of 200 small and 14 major companies for multi-skilled technicians.
- Proposed center will provide community college credit certificates and degrees, dual enrollment for high school career pathways, and non-credit workforce training.
- Generate innovative curriculum featuring interdisciplinary, project based learning with applied math and writing modules, serving as a model for the Commonwealth.

Planning Grant for Governor's Academy for Student Apprenticeships and Trades (\$100,000)

- Support regional planning team of school divisions, community college, business and industry and other stakeholders in developing a Governor's Academy to target high school students who want to graduate and go to work.
- Focus on improving and expanding high school training in trades through applied math and science for targeted occupations and a robust pre-apprenticeship program.

Precision Machining Center at Danville Community College (\$3,700,000)

- Supports expansion of Center and equipment to double the training capacity of precision machining programs with a 95% job placement rate and current wait list of 40.
- This program provides high school dual-enrollment instruction in advanced manufacturing as well as community college credit and non-credit instruction; this is a 33-credit hour program.
- \$2 million committed through private sources and \$1,075,000 by the college.