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NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM H. Martin Lancaster, President

January 30, 2008

RESPONSE DATE: February 27, 2008

MEMORANDUM

- TO: Community College Presidents Career Readiness Certification (CRC) Sites
- FROM: Stephanie Deese, Director Workforce Initiatives

Pamela Gobel, Director Career Readiness Certification

SUBJECT: WorkKeys Training Sessions

Many of our colleges are now sites for the new Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) and most colleges are Value-Added Resellers for ACT WorkKeys[®]. The System office has developed a *Boot Camp* training seminar on the basics of the CRC and the WorkKeys system. At the request of our newest CRC sites, we will again offer our basic *Boot Camp* training on the CRC procedures and the WorkKeys[®] Assessment System. We will also be providing the latest information from ACT and the NC CRC Initiative.

The WorkKeys[®] System is a comprehensive business service providing benchmarking, assessment and training to companies. WorkKeys[®] assessments also give students and workers reliable information about their workplace skill levels and assist them in making better career and educational decisions.

North Carolina's Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) certifies core employability skills required across multiple industries and occupations. The Career Readiness Certificate is a portable credential that promotes career development and skill attainment for the individual, and confirms to employers that an individual possesses basic workplace skills in reading for information, applied math, and locating information – skills that most jobs require. In addition, the employer has confirmation that the individual is capable of learning job specific skills. The NC CRC database found on our website (www.crcnc.org) provides an up-to-the-minute snapshot of North Carolina's skilled workforce sorted by various geographic criteria.

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Part 1 of this seminar is an overview of the WorkKeys Industry Skills Assessment System and an overview of the North Carolina Career Readiness Certificate featuring the latest updates. This part of the session is designed for all college staff and others participating in delivery of the CRC and WorkKeys[®] System. This overview will demonstrate the benefits to businesses, students and workers in your community.

Part 2 instructs line staff in CRC database entry as well as WorkKeys[®] testing, scoring and billing "how-to's." **Please be sure to include staff members who will be involved in issuing, entering, and printing CRCs or ordering, proctoring and scoring WorkKeys[®] assessments.**

College personnel and others may attend Part I and Part II or you may choose to attend only one portion of the training.

The training seminars will be held March 4-6, 2008, in three convenient locations across the state.

The training sites are:

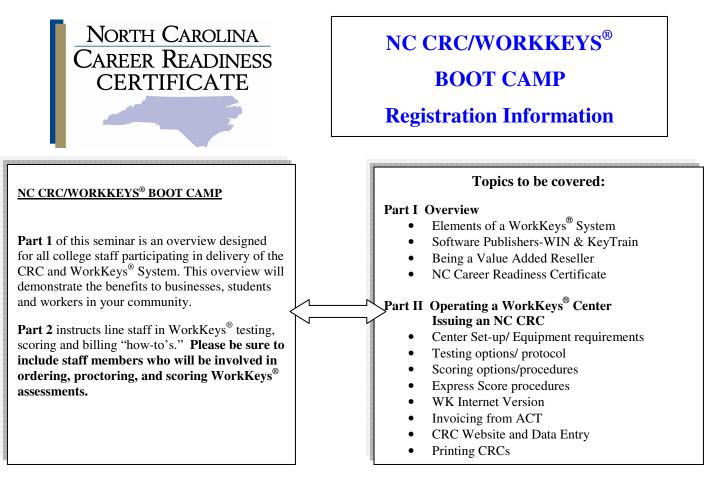
Tuesday, March 4, 2008	James Sprunt CC, Kenansville Boyette Building, Room 113
Wednesday, March 5, 2008	Workforce Development Training Center 313 Chapanoke Rd., Suite 140, Raleigh
Thursday, March 6, 2008	McDowell Technical CC, Marion William Harold Smith Building - Room 113

Attached are directions to each of the sites and a registration form with more specific topics to be covered. Registration needs to be completed by February 27, 2008. If you should have any questions, please contact Pam Gobel at: <u>gobelp@nccommunitycolleges.edu</u> or Stephanie Deese at: <u>deeses@nccommunitycolleges.edu</u>.

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c: Deans of Continuing Education College WorkKeys Contacts College CRC Contacts

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Please Select Part I, Part (Place an "x	II or both	Date	Location	Building/Room
Part I 10-12 p.m.	Part II 1-4 p.m.			
		Tuesday, March 4, 2008	McDowell Tech Community College Marion, NC	William Harold Smith Building - Room 113
		Wednesday, March 5, 2008	Workforce Development Training Center, Raleigh, NC	313 Chapanoke Rd.,Suite 140 Raleigh, NC 27603 (919) 329-5588
		Thursday, March 6, 2008	James Sprunt Community College Kenansville, NC	Boyette Building, Room 113

Name:	
College:	
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<u>Please fax or email this completed form by February 27, 2008</u> <u>Please use 1 form per person registering for the training</u>

Please send to:

Pamela Gobel gobelp@nccommunitycolleges.edu Fax: (919) 807-7169

Driving Directions

JAMES SPRUNT COMMUNITY COLLEGE 133 James Sprunt Drive, Kenansville, NC 28349, 910-296-2400 www.jamessprunt.edu

James Sprunt Community College is located on NC Highway 11, one mile south of Kenansville. It is about 80 miles south of Raleigh and 60 miles north of Wilmington traveling by I-40. From I-40, use Exit 373. JSCC is about 5 miles from this exit using NC Highway 903 to NC Highway 11. Directions are clearly marked.

From the Fayetteville area, take NC Highway 24 east through Clinton and Warsaw.

From the Jacksonville area, take NC Highway 24 west through Richlands and Beulaville.

From the Kinston or Greenville areas, take NC Highway 11 south through Pink Hill.

From the Goldsboro area, take NC Highway 117 south to Warsaw, then NC Highway 24-50 east to Kenansville

MCDOWELL TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE 54 College Drive, Marion, NC 28752, (828) 652-6021 www.mcdowelltech.edu

From Interstate 40 East or West:

- Take exit 86 for NC-226 toward Shelby/Marion
- Turn left at NC 226
- Turn right at NC 1819

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTER 313 Chapanoke Road, SUITE 140, Raleigh, NC 27603, 919 329-5588

WEST OF RALEIGH

- Take I-40 East toward Raleigh
- Exit 299 Hammond Rd.
- Turn right onto Hammond Rd.
- At second stoplight turn right onto Chapanoke Rd
- Building is on left .2 mile.

NORTH OF RALEIGH:

- Take US-1 BYP S, which becomes US-1 S
- Stay straight to go onto Capital BLVD/US-401 S
- Merge onto I-440 E toward Rocky Mount
- Take Exit 299 Hammond Rd
- Turn left onto Hammond
- Turn right onto Chapanoke Rd
- Building is on left .2 mile

SOUTH OF RALEIGH:

- Take I-95 N
- Merge onto I-40 W via exit 81 toward Raleigh
- Take Exit 299 Hammond Rd
- Turn left onto Hammond
- Turn right onto Chapanoke Rd
- Building is on left .2 mile

EAST OF RALEIGH:

- Take I-40 West toward Raleigh
- Take Exit 299 Hammond Rd
- Turn left onto Hammond
- Turn right onto Chapanoke Rd
- Building is on left .2 mile