Workforce Services@SVHEC Fact Sheet

Workforce Services@SVHEC serves as a pipeline and connector to workforce training, data, resources, and services.

Workforce Services staffers seek, embrace, and pursue opportunities to positively impact Southern Virginia's businesses and citizens.

The three encompassing areas of focus for Workforce Services@SVHEC are:

- **Employer/Business Needs**—meeting the needs of current & prospective employers
- **Worker Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSAs)—**preparing incumbent & future workers to meet employer needs
- **Data Driven Reponses to Area Employers, Workers, and Job Seekers**--reliance on valid data obtained from diverse sources to provide needed training and services.

History

- **2006** Director of Workforce Services hired
- **2007** Regional Workforce Summit held
- **2008** The Center of Nursing Excellence opened
- **2009** TopSolid America@SVHEC created and first training held
- **2010** First Workforce Forward Forum & Tri-County Job Readiness Training held
- **2011** Relocation to the Innovation Center & Workforce Readiness Initiative: Retention of Manufacturing in Southern Virginia (Presto Products Company as pilot) began

Impact

- **>1870** Participation in Workforce Services programming & activities

Workforce Forward Forum

- Regional forum on education, employment, and economic development (every two years)
- Current and projected data trends used to determine educational initiatives
- Forum for workforce stakeholders to network, discuss data trends, and share projections

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The Center of Nursing Excellence

- Comprehensive learning environment encompasses educational opportunities for Certified Nursing Assistant to doctoral level nursing students as well as other healthcare professions
- Professional staff consisting of two nursing professionals (one BSN & one MSN level) with 34 years of combined experience; one nursing professional serves as the Simulation Lab Specialist
- 4200 sq. ft. build out completed in 2008 at a cost of $1.6M; assets include low, mid, and high fidelity manikins, advanced simulation lab with interactive manikin, five-bed basic skills lab, home health lab, digital audio/visual recording system, debriefing/conference area, computerized workstations, and faculty offices

TopSolid America@SVHEC

- TopSolid software available for users to design and manufacture sophisticated products in an integrated, seamless, beginning-to-end production process
- Location of *first* and *only* U.S. training site that provides TopSolid CAD/CAM training tailored to meet specific user needs
- Staff includes a project manager who provides customized training instruction and uses TopSolid software as part of R&D Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Energy Efficiency
- Instructional assets include an 18-seat Apple MAC computer lab and a 16-unit mobile computer lab for on and off site training

Workforce Readiness Initiative: Retention of Manufacturing in Southern Virginia (*Presto Products Company Serving as Pilot Employer*)

- Long-term training project aimed at improving the technical and soft skills of incumbent and future workers required for successful employment in a Southern Virginia manufacturing facility
- Presto Products employees in five job classifications will receive training from multiple training providers over a two-year period; >$515,000 project
- Anticipated development of a replicable regional training model as an outcome of this initiative

Advanced Technology Lab

- Multi-faceted high-performance learning environment for employer-based customized technical training and high school dual enrollment technical training in pneumatics, hydraulics, advanced manufacturing, electricity, and electronics
- 5500 sq. ft. space comprised of >$800,000 of equipment including Labvolt and Amatrol trainers in an open lab environment with two adjoining classrooms

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