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(ADDENDUM ATTACHED)

Forsyth Tech Awarded \$15 Million U.S. Department of Labor Grant

College Will Lead National Effort to Expand Job Training in Biosciences

(*Winston-Salem*, *NC*) – Forsyth Technical Community College in Winston-Salem, NC has been awarded a \$15 million U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) grant to lead a national effort to develop and expand workforce training across the \$100 billion biosciences industry.

Forsyth Tech, home of the National Center for the Biotechnology Workforce, a NC BioNetwork Center, will receive the three-year \$15 million grant through the DOL's Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College Career Training (TAACCCT) program.

The TAACCCT grant will establish the Community College Consortium for Biosciences Credentials, a national partnership consisting of:

- 12 community colleges from across the nation, including Forsyth Tech, the Consortium Leader
- National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education's BIO-LINK center
- National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education's North East Biomanufacturing Consortium
- NC BioNetwork
- Major industry employers
- Workforce boards and organizations from around the country

(*Please see attached addendum for complete list of partners.*)

"This award attests to North Carolina's national leadership in biotechnology and Forsyth Tech's leadership in biotechnology workforce development," said Dr. Gary Green, president of Forsyth Tech. "This will define the next generation of biotech and lifescience industry and provide vital support for community colleges across the country in meeting skills requirements for the entire biotech economic sector."



"The Consortium will bring together experts around nationally recognized, articulated skills competencies and career ladders," said Dr. Green. "This will improve American competiveness and provide job seekers with clear information about career options in this vital industry sector."

"We are very excited about that North Carolina will be home to a valuable resource in regional and national bioscience workforce development," said John Balchunas, Workforce Development Director, Education & Training Program of the North Carolina Biotechnology Center. "Bridging the skills gap, developing portable credentials and accelerating completion time for academic and professional programs is critical to enhancing the competitiveness of displaced workers seeking in-demand biosciences jobs."

The three-year project will harmonize core biosciences competencies in laboratory skills, biomanufacturing and medical devices and introduce stackable and latticed credentials, to help trade-impacted workers get new jobs. New credentials will include certificates in core biosciences skills, core laboratory skills, core medical devices skills, biomedical plastics and environmental monitoring.

ABOUT FORSYTH TECH:

Forsyth Technical Community College offers associate degrees, diplomas and certificates in more than 200 programs of study. Forsyth Tech's Economic & Workforce Development programs promote personal and professional development with non-credit courses and seminars and provide customized training for business and industry. Forsyth Tech serves more than 50,000 students with approximately 1,150 full and part-time faculty.



ADDENDUM

Community College Consortium for Biosciences Credentials: Participating Partners

Community College Partners

The 12 community colleges in the Consortium include:

- Alamance Community College in Graham, NC
- Austin Community College in Austin, TX
- Bucks County Community College in Newtown, PA
- City College of San Francisco in San Francisco, CA
- Forsyth Technical Community College, Winston-Salem, NC (Consortium Leader)
- Ivy Tech Community College in Bloomington, IN
- Los Angeles Valley College in Los Angeles, CA
- Madison Area Technical College, Madison, WI
- Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell, PA
- Rowan Cabarrus Community College in Salisbury, NC
- St. Petersburg College in St. Petersburg, FL
- Salt Lake Community College in Salt Lake City, UT

Employer Partners

- Baxter Healthcare Corp.
- Bioo Scientific
- Boston Scientific
- ConMed Corp.
- Cook Group, Inc.
- David H. Murdock Research Institute
- Grifols Biologicals
- Lampire Biological Laboratories
- Merck Sharp & Dohme, Inc.
- Ocular Systems, Inc.,\
- Pfizer, Inc.
- Prosetta Antiviral, Inc.
- Targacept
- Venenum Biodesign



Public Workforce System Partners

- Bucks County Workforce Investment Board
- City of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board
- Montgomery County Workforce Investment Board
- Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development Board
- Regional Partnership Workforce Development Board, San Francisco
- Office of Economic and Workforce Development, South Central Region 8 Workforce Board
- State of Utah Workforce Investment Board
- Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin
- Workforce Solutions Capital Area Workforce Board
- WorkNet Pinellas
- California Employment Development Department
- Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
- Indiana Department of Workforce Development
- North Carolina Department of Commerce
- Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry
- Utah Department of Workforce Services
- Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development

Associations and Other Organizations

- Bay Bio
- Florida Medical Manufacturers Consortium
- Intermountain Biomedical Association
- North Carolina Biotechnology Center
- Pennsylvania Bio
- So Cal BIO
- Texas Healthcare and Biosciences Institute
- The Manufacturing Institute (NAM)

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