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Final Performance Measures for PY2003 Announced

Area III has reached its goal on 15 of 17 performance measures for PY 2003; 12 of the 15 measurements exceeded the goal. Final numbers were released in December and cover the July 2003 - June 30, 2004 time period.

Initial figures had indicated Area III had four "fail to meets"; however, Area III Monitor Clay Stein submitted additional information for review and two of the numbers were changed. The two remaining "fail-to-meet" areas were Younger Youth Retention Rate (42.9 percent against a goal of 56 percent) and the Adult Employment and Credential Rate (16.7 percent against a goal of 62 percent).

Additionally, nine of the 15 successful measures showed improvements between 1 percent increase for Younger Youth Retention Rate and 237 percent for Older Youth Credential Rate, up to 56.7 percent in 2003 from 16.7 percent in 2002. Decreases ranged from a slight decrease of 2.14 percent for Adult Employment Retention Rate to more than 75 percent decrease in Adult Employment and Credential Rate down to 16.7 last year, down from 72.1 percent from 2002.\

Additional information -- including a breakout of rates for each of the last year and charts for comparing year-over-year performance -- will be distributed shortly. If you have questions before that, please call WIB Coordinator Doloris Vest at 540-767-6149.

November Unemployment Numbers

| | <u>Labor Force</u> | <u>Employment</u> | <u>Unemployed</u> | <u>Rate</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Roanoke MSA | 129,700 | 126,273 | 3,427 | 2.6% |
| <u>Counties</u> | | | | |
| Alleghany | 8,555 | 8,338 | 217 | 2.5% |
| Botetourt | 17,564 | 17,181 | 383 | 2.2% |
| Craig | 2,681 | 2,604 | 77 | 2.9% |
| Franklin | 25,059 | 24,348 | 711 | 2.8% |
| Roanoke | 49,912 | 48,962 | 950 | 1.9% |
| <u>Cities</u> | | | | |
| Covington city | 3,151 | 2,995 | 156 | 5.0% |
| Roanoke city | 48,584 | 46,765 | 1,819 | 3.7% |
| Salem city | 13,640 | 13,365 | 275 | 2.0% |

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