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Goodwill Audit Available

Youth and adult services contractor Goodwill Industries of the Valleys has provided WDB with a copy of its 2004 financial audit. If you would like to review the audit, please let me know or stop by Workforce office.

Meeting Dates for 2005

The Western Virginia Workforce Development Board will meet continue to meet on the first Friday of every other month with the next regular meeting February 4 at Goodwill Industries of the Valleys, 2520 Melrose Ave. NW, Roanoke. The remaining dates are: April 1; June 3 (annual meeting); August 5; October 7; December 2. Locations to be announced; All meetings are 9 - 10:30 a.m.

I invite any board member who would like to host an upcoming meeting to contact the workforce office.

CareerScope software in use

Each of the WDB contractors - VEC, TAP, Goodwill and Franklin County Workforce Consortium - have received CareerScope software and undergone training. The software combines both aptitude and interest information to identify career goals for adults youth and dislocated workers. The software is available for WIA participants at all three workforce centers as well as being used by youth and adult services contractors. For more information on CareerScope, visit the developer's website at <http://www.vri.org/careerscope/>.

Board member replacement

Roanoke City Public Schools has advised the WDB that its representative on the board, Dr. Crystal Taylor, has accepted employment in the Tidewater Virginia area. They have requested that Dorothy Hayes, supervisor of adult education for the city, attend as a substitute until a new director joins the system in July.

Workforce Legislation update

Three workforce bills are now before the General Assembly.

1 - HB 2069 and HB 2626 (Hogan and Byron) focuses on coordinating administration of workforce training resources, in part by creating the Department of Business Assistance and Workforce Services

2 - HB 1908 (Baskerville) provide for employment training and unemployment compensation benefits for military personnel, spouses and dependents. It includes provisions for expanded unemployment compensation and resources for military families and the addition of a workforce board member to represent military families in workforce investment areas containing a military base. (Would not affect Area III).

For more information see the attached email, which include links to the full texts of both bills.

