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Special Called Board Meeting Friday, Feb. 25

The Western Virginia Workforce Development Board of Directors will meet in special session on Friday, Feb. 25 at 9 a.m. in Room 611 of the Roanoke Higher Education Center. The meeting will include a discussion of the "White Paper" on reorganization of WIA Area III. An agenda and the white paper have been posted to the board website.

http://www.westernvaworkforce.com/Board_of_Directors_Meeting_February_25_2005.cfm

WDB Recertifying Training Providers

Board staff have begun recertifying current training providers in Area III and soliciting applications for initial certification of new providers. For Stage One certification each applicant submits an application and support materials detailing the type of training available, cost and other information on each course offering. For Stage Two certification, current providers must also submit information on past and current WIA participants, such as completion rate, employment rates and wage information.

Upon verification of the information, the applications will be presented to the full Board for approval at the June meeting. Certification is effective as of July 1 and is good for one year. Applications are available on the Board's website at http://www.westernvaworkforce.com/download/other/WDB_PROVIDER_APPLICATION.pdf.

Dr. Bolin to Speak to Local SHRM

Dr. Barbara Bolin, Gov. Warner's special advisor for workforce development, will address the Roanoke Valley Society for Human Resource Managers Tuesday, Feb. 22, at noon at the Hotel Roanoke. Dr. Bolin will discuss the Career Readiness Certificate now available through all Virginia community colleges and other workforce issues. For more information on the luncheon, visit RVSHRM website at www.rvshrm.org.

Culinary Arts Institute Receives Funding

Roanoke Higher Education Center received a \$1,000,000 grant for its new culinary arts institute from The Claude Moore Foundation. The project, which will include acquiring and renovating buildings on First Street, will house a culinary arts program proposed by Virginia Intermont College. Dr. Greiner, president of Virginia Intermont College, reported in December that bringing the culinary arts program to the Roanoke Valley is Virginia Intermont's highest priority and best opportunity for expansion of the program. The Center also is seeking an additional \$200,000 community development block grant from the City of Roanoke. The Center plans to open in 2006.

January Reports Online

Contractor and One-Stop Reports for the month of January have been posted to the board website <http://www.westernvaworkforce.com/reports.cfm>.

