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NC Community Colleges Launch “Green Revolution” in Workforce Training

RALEIGH, N.C. — Workforce training in North Carolina is about to get a “green” makeover. More than 200 educators and community college leaders from across the state will gather at Wake Technical Community College for a two-day meeting to launch the Code Green Super CIP (Curriculum Improvement Project). The goal of the two-year project is to provide relevant, timely training for those entering today’s more environmentally-focused workplace by integrating sustainability concepts and skills into every area of colleges’ technical education curriculum. The five areas of focus are building, energy, transportation, environment, and engineering technology.

What: Code Green Super CIP Launch Meeting

Where: Wake Technical Community College
Main Campus
Student Services Building
9101 Fayetteville Road, Raleigh

When: Thursday-Friday, August 26-27, 2010
2:00- 5:00 p.m. Thursday
8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Friday

Who: Dr. Scott Ralls, NC Community College System President
Dr. Sharon Morrissey, NC Community College System Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

Robert “Butch” Grove, Wake Technical Community College Dean of Sustainability & Code Green CIP Manager

Dr. John E. Wear, Jr., Founding Director of the Center for the Environment at Catawba College and Associate Professor of Biology and Environmental Science.

Maria Kingery, Co-Founder & Director of Cultural Development with Southern Energy Management

Dr. Pam Carpenter, Project Coordinator-STEM Education with the NC Solar Center

Dr. Erich Dierdoff, Dept. of Management, Kellstadt Graduate School of Business, DePaul Univ. and project leader for O*NET report, “Greening of the World of Work”

Why: Like other states, North Carolina’s economy has shifted to include more sustainable products, practices, and technologies than ever before. Job and career opportunities abound in areas such as mass transit, wind and solar power exploration, as well as construction and retrofitting for greater energy efficiency, but training must also be top quality and up to date. The Code Green Super CIP will explore the best ways to provide that training as well as the highly-specialized credentials a greener workplace will demand.

The State Board of Community Colleges approved funding for the Super CIP in May and designated Wake Tech as lead college for the project. Each of the five focus areas also has a lead college: Blue Ridge Community College Transportation CIP; Central Carolina Community College, Energy CIP; Central Piedmont Community College, Engineering CIP; Davidson County Community College, Environment CIP; and Wilson Community College, Building CIP. Funding for the Super CIP is provided by State Board of Community College Reserve Funds, Golden Leaf Foundation and Duke Energy North Carolina Community College Grant Program.

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