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Peninsula Council for Workforce Development Awarded \$25,000 Grant from Northrop Grumman Newport News

Hampton, VA (December 6, 2006) - The Peninsula Council for Workforce Development (PCFWD) has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from Northrop Grumman Newport News to support the Youth Career Café. A project of the Peninsula Council for Workforce Development, the Youth Career Café is designed to prepare the Peninsula's youth for the workplace. The Café is a place where all youth ages 14 to 21 can increase their workforce readiness skills and learn to navigate the business world by expanding the connection between career and academic experiences. Opened at the Coliseum Mall in May 2006, the Café has served more than 1,180 students and 25 businesses.

Mr. Matthew James, President and CEO of the Peninsula Council for Workforce Development, noted that, "This grant is recognition that our workforce development system continues to do an exceptional job supporting the youth in our region. I commend the staff of the Youth Career Café and all of our business and community partners for their contributions to this remarkable achievement. This funding will be used to continue improving and expanding the services that we provide through the Youth Career Café on the Peninsula".

Created to develop a regional "business-driven" workforce development system, the PCFWD's primary mission is to identify the employer workforce development needs of Peninsula-based employers. After determining their needs, it is the PCFWD's goal to implement regional solutions by establishing partnerships with related training and education providers that specifically address the particular needs.

More information on workforce development efforts on the Peninsula is available online at www.pcfwd.org or by contacting Matthew James, President and CEO of the Peninsula Council for Workforce Development, at (757) 826-3327 and email at mjames@pcfwd.org.

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