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HCC Awarded \$100,000 to Promote Job Creation for Low-Income Residents of the City of Tampa

TAMPA, FL, February 11, 2015 – Hillsborough Community College's Institute for Corporate and Continuing Education (ICCE), was awarded \$100,000 through the Community Development Block Grant by the City of Tampa's Housing and Development Division. This funding will partially be used to fund the creation of a Workforce Development and Training Initiative (WDTI) to promote job creation for low-income residents within a specific target area of the City of Tampa.

The WDTI target area is an identified Green Tech Corridor area, defined primarily by East Fowler Avenue between 30th Street and 50th Street. This corridor represents a critical mass of education, science, medicine and research, which can be further cultivated to become a vibrant, sustainable and innovative district that enhances the economic competitiveness of the City of Tampa.

ICCE expects the implementation of the WDTI to serve as a catalyst for improving employment opportunities for residents and businesses within the target area. "With this funding, HCC will be able to provide free career-driven training programs that will effectively increase the competencies of individuals seeking professional development in preparation for the workforce," said Yolanda Levell-Williams, Executive Director.

Hillsborough Community College's Institute for Corporate and Continuing Education (ICCE) leverages short-term educational programs and services which lead to economic growth and advancement in the community. ICCE is dedicated to the development and delivery of continuing education, professional development, and personal enrichment programs and services.

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