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Award for Outstanding Achievement through a Collaboration or Consortia of Partners

OCWB RECEIVES AN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY COLLABORATION IN TRAINING

Richmond, Virginia - The Office of Community Wealth Building (OCWB) at the City of Richmond and the Community College Workforce Alliance (CCWA), which provides training through J. Sargeant Reynolds and Brightpoint Community Colleges, were honored at the VCCS's Hire Education Workforce Conference in Roanoke, Virginia on Nov. 11, receiving the system's top statewide award for Outstanding Achievement through a Collaboration or Consortia of Partners.

Since 2018, CCWA, in partnership with OCWB, has served more than 300 participants with contractual agreements exceeding \$1.7 million. Through this partnership, the city's most impacted residents can afford training and receive credentials in various industries: healthcare, transportation, and logistics. In addition, these training opportunities allow for greater access to quality employment, creating stronger neighborhoods, and improving sustainable lifestyles, thus helping residents move out of poverty.

"This award represents the dedication and passion of the entire OCWB team especially the front line Engagement Specialists who tirelessly work to better the lives of our participants. We look forward to even greater things with our partners from CCWA," says OCWB Deputy Director, Kelvin Harris.

"Both awards represent the power of community partnerships and CCWA's success working with community-based organizations to train regional residents for in-demand careers....Our partnership with OCWB has led to sustained and robust student enrollments, completions and credentials in CDL (truck driving), health care and other FastForward training programs," said Elizabeth Creamer, Vice President, CCWA, the workforce development division of Brightpoint and Reynolds community colleges.