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CONGRATULATIONS to Laurens County, South Carolina's third county, who has met 100% of the National Certified Work Ready goals according to newest data released by ACT. Of the required 4 criteria, the county has met the National Career Readiness Certificate, Business Support and High School Graduation Rate goals. The county is currently striving to earn the required National Career Readiness Certificate Plus which measures work discipline, teamwork, managerial potential and customer service orientation in addition to the NCRC's core foundational skills. Allendale, Colleton and Richland County has met over 80% of the National Certified Work Ready goals.

To view the most recent data through June, please visit ACT's Certified Work Ready Communities website, <http://workreadycommunities.org/SC>. We have downloaded the data to show all counties, so you do not have to go into each individual county to determine how many WorkKeys Certificates have been earned within each of the 3 groups:

- *Current (public and private sector workers)
- *Transitioning (unemployed and adult education participants)
- *Emerging (high school juniors and seniors only and college students)

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the data through June 2013.

Currently, South Carolina has 630 businesses supporting this initiative statewide.

Please keep in mind that this data does not include the Graduation Rate and Soft Skills requirements a county must also meet to become a SC Work Ready Community. This data will also be available on the www.scworkready.org website.

Other Updates :

ACT is in the process of working with current WorkKeys Solutions Providers (WSP's), Adult Education and Vocational Rehabilitation Centers and those entities that signed up during the initial enrollment period in July to complete the necessary paperwork in order to provide the following no-cost services. Unfortunately, this process is time consuming but ACT is working diligently with SC sites to provide the services as quickly as possible.

- *WorkKeys assessments (Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, Locating Information, and Talent)
- *National Career Readiness Certificate and National Career Readiness Certificate Plus
- *Career Ready 101 (a tutorial training courseware, which includes KeyTrain)

The 2nd open enrollment period for other eligible entities to access the above no-cost services for High Schools, Career Centers and public workforce entities (LWIBs, COGs, Technical College) , will be next week, August 5-9, 2013 .

As mentioned in previous updates, the intent of this initiative is to provide citizens in SC the opportunity to prepare for and have access to the WorkKeys assessment in order to highlight their Work Ready skills. Costs associated with administering and proctoring of the WorkKeys Assessments will be the responsibility of the testing site and should not be charged to individuals or other partner entities.

The State of South Carolina is currently developing resource materials for local communities to share with their students, parents, teachers, administrators, individuals and businesses that outline the SC Work Ready Communities initiative and the benefits of the holistic ACT Work Readiness System.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a revised Free Testing flyer to be posted at eligible test sites.

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