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CONGRATULATIONS to our second rural county, McCormick, 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. Laurens and Allendale have met over 75% of the National Certified Work Ready goals and another 16 counties have met 50% or more of their goals.

To view the most recent data through May, 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 May 2013.

Currently, SC has 512 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.

We are very excited to announce that the Multi-Agency contract with ACT to make available no-cost assessments and courseware for individuals and job profiles for businesses to assist counties in meeting their goals, will be executed by June 30, 2013. More information will be forthcoming in the next week so please continue to be patient.

As a reminder, effective Monday, July 8, 2013, WIN (Worldwide Interactive Network) courseware will no longer be available to individual learners. The statewide license for free WIN access is expiring and will be replaced with free access to ACT's Career Ready 101 beginning late July. Career Ready 101 will be free to city, county, and state government agencies as well as libraries and will include access to KeyTrain, the complete interactive training system for the WorkKeys® basic workplace skills.

For WIN site administrators, all data put be accessed or reports pulled before July 13, 2013. WIN reports also will no longer be available following contract expiration. If you have specific questions regarding WIN, please contact Joan Mason at (864) 373-4032 or Lisa Oxendine for technical support at (888) 717-9461, option 3. Additional information is forthcoming regarding free access to Career Ready 101.

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