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Washington joins ACT CWRC initiative

The State of Washington has joined North Carolina and Michigan in Round III of the ACT Work Ready Communities Academy. We're excited to be working with the Washington CWRC leadership team to onboard and certify their counties. Congratulations to Washington! This brings the total number to 17 states with active participation in the ACT Work Ready Communities initiative.

South Carolina Work Ready featured in Site Selection

South Carolina's work ready communities initiative was prominently featured in a Site Selection magazine article about rural economic development. Check out the story here: <http://siterelection.com/issues/2013/sep/rural-advantage.cfm>.

October NCRC data posted

We have updated the **CWRC website** with county-level National Career Readiness Certificate data through Oct. 31 -- bringing the grand total to 2.3 million NCRCs. We also hit a significant milestone in October with more than 3,000 employers recognizing the NCRC in support of their communities' certification efforts. We publish the NCRC data at the state and county level to provide information to help policy makers and economic developers develop their workforce. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions. The top participating counties in terms of progress towards the common criteria goals are as follows:

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