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SUBJECT: High School Technical Training Program Committee

VBCOA High School Technical Training Program Committee continues to work with guidance from the International Code Council. We have met with vocational instructors from Stafford County High School, Spotsylvania Vocational School, T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria as well as Chantilly Academy in Fairfax County. We have attended SkillsUSA competitions in two of these jurisdictions where we have sat and talked to students about the program and building codes. ICC has received contact from Caroline County High School interested in the program for their students.

The HSTTP Committee has received upwards of 150 code books from DHCD (training surplus – 12 cases) in March. These included sixty (60) 2009 IECC study guides. We will continue to distribute code books and related informational materials in support of this outreach program to students in Virginia. Also in March, the HSTTP Committee requested and obtained 10 ICC HSTTP Starter Kits for schools in support of our efforts.

The HSTTP will be addressed by the Virginia Department of Education again within the coming weeks. Meetings at the beginning of the last month did not generate any negative discussion and the program received unanimous approval. ICC is expecting DOE to render a positive final vote on this issue in the coming weeks. We will keep working towards getting schools lined up for the start of school in September.

VBCOA Region V approved a motion made by the HSTTP Co-Chair to offer financial support in the amount of \$500 to go towards “seed money” for High School students to receive ICC student memberships and study guides. Region V Membership enthusiastically recognized the importance of this program and approved the initiative. Efforts continue to roll this program out to jurisdictions across Northern Virginia this spring and summer.

The High School Technical Training Program Committee would like to express our appreciation to the Executive Board, especially, President Sean Farrell and Region V Chair Steve Higginbotham, for their support in moving this endeavor forward. We’d also wish to thank Cindy Davis with DHCD and all VBCOA members for their support and investment in developing our future code administration leaders.

Thank you.

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