



Workforce Summit Highlighted Growth Opportunities for Businesses in Southwest Houston

Summit held on Wednesday, September 15

HOUSTON, TX (September 15, 2010) – As a continuation of the successful Workforce Summit series initiated by HCC Trustee Neeta Sane, District VII, the next summit was hosted in joint partnership with the Brays Oaks Management District, the Greater Sharpstown Management District and the International Management District of Alief to bring together industry leaders, emerging business executives, community partners and elected officials to highlight the growth opportunities in Southwest Houston. The Workforce Summit was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Kim Son Restaurant, 10603 Bellaire Boulevard in Houston. The purpose of the Summit was to continue the innovative dialogue with the community and business partners to better align the HCC educational offerings with the regional needs for workforce development and economic growth.

Summit participants had the opportunity to provide suggestions on ways that HCC can team up with companies to help expand businesses in Southwest Houston through education and training, which would ultimately benefit the local community and the economy.

“We are committed to meeting the business needs of the community through education and training, and we look forward to hearing from industry leaders and other stakeholders to help build an even stronger economy in Southwest Houston,” said Neeta Sane, Trustee, District VII, Vice-Chair, HCC Board. “We are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with the area Management Districts as we work together to strengthen the regional economy through strategic partnerships.”

In today’s economy, access to post-secondary education and training is essential for individual career success. Estimates indicate that 80 percent of today’s new jobs require education or training beyond high school and that those jobs represent the fastest-growing and highest-paying segments of the new economy.

The Workforce Summit was a valuable opportunity to work with stakeholders in the community to collaborate on ways to grow local businesses and help build a stronger regional economy. The Summit also focused on assisting many first generation immigrants to become aware of HCC’s educational and training opportunities. The Summit was free and open to representatives of businesses in Southwest Houston.

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