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RE: 2007 Governor's Awards for Excellence in

Workforce Development

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES:

ATTENTION: WORK FIRST PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS AND SUPERVISORS

FOOD STAMP EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SUPERVISORS

FOOD STAMP WORKFARE SUPERVISORS

The Commission on Workforce Development is planning its Workforce Development Partnership Conference scheduled for October 17-19, 2007, at the Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel in Greensboro. The annual Governor's Awards for Excellence in Workforce Development will be presented during the conference at a banquet on October 18.

The awards will recognize four outstanding workforce development recipients, two adults and two youth (one older youth and one younger youth). Two outstanding employers will also be recognized. The *Wayne Daves Award for Outstanding Achievement in Workforce Development* was added in 2004 to recognize the outstanding efforts of a front-line staff person who has contributed to the continuous improvement within a local Joblink Career Center, which also includes the network of youth service providers. The North Carolina Workforce Development Board Directors' Council sponsors this award. Specific requirements for the nomination process are included as an attachment to this letter.

Nominations are due to the Commission on Workforce Development **no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 18, 2007**. Late or faxed nominations cannot be accepted. The agency director must sign each nomination form and letters of support must be attached.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this opportunity to nominate workforce program participants and employers for the 2007 Governor's Awards for Excellence in Workforce Development. We strongly encourage nominations from DSS programs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David Prince at 919-733-4570.

Sincerely.

Jane Schwartz, Chief Economic Services Section

Attachments **FAEP-07-2007**