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Metro-Atlanta Local Workforce Development Area Consortium Exceeds Goals

DECATUR, Ga. –The State of Georgia’s Metro-Atlanta Local Workforce Development Area Consortium has exceeded expectations in its Workforce Innovation Fund (WIF) grant goal. A total of 131 job seekers were placed into temporary employment and training positions for up to six months, with 104 of the employees continuing in their positions after their assignments ended.

The Consortium consisted of DeKalb Workforce Development (grant administrator and fiscal agent), the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), CobbWorks Inc., the Atlanta Workforce Development Agency and Fulton County Workforce Development. The Consortium serves 10 counties; Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry and Rockdale in the metropolitan Atlanta area.

The \$1,740,743 WIF grant was awarded to proactively address the long-term unemployment crisis by providing work experience and short-term training for WIF eligible participants who have been unemployed for 12 months or more. Program objectives include increasing access to job opportunities, positioning applicants to become more marketable to hiring managers and assisting with resume building and enhancements.

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