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**Capital Area Workforce Development Board Shares \$3.9M Grant  
from U.S. Department of Labor**

Will Train Young Adults in Wake for High-demand Tech Jobs

Raleigh, NC, June 30, 2016 – [Capital Area Workforce Development Board](#) (CAWD) and Wake Technical Community College will share a \$3.9 million dollar grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor to train workers for high-demand growth jobs in the tech sector. The goal is to help 350 young adults with barriers to employment enter IT jobs in cyber security, network and computer systems administration, and computer user support.

“One of the things we hear from employers is that job candidates often have certification after certification, but no practical experience. So being able to partner with employers who will provide onsite work experience is a vital part of this training,” said Pat Sturdivant, Executive Director of Capital Area Workforce Development Board.

Anthony Caison, Vice President of Workforce Continuing Education at Wake Tech agrees.

“Collaborations like this don’t occur everywhere. We are thrilled to be working with Capital Area and all the other partners who came together for this grant, including Wake County Economic Development and the City of Raleigh. Together we can strengthen the local economy by filling jobs that pay well and help young people attain skills necessary to be competitive job candidates.”

Wake Tech is the lead grant recipient with CAWD receiving approximately half of the grant to fund work experience, on-the-job training and support services for trainees. The program, known as “[TechHire](#),” is one of several grants that Capital Area and Wake Tech have partnered on to prepare people for jobs.

HCL, SAS, and IBM are business partners for the program. Companies interested in becoming partners can contact [CAWD](#).

About Capital Area Workforce Development Board

CAWD is a public-private partnership and 501(c)3 funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014. Through collaborations with business, government, education and others, the organization has developed state and nationally-recognized workforce programs, connected workforce resources and businesses to the education system, and helped thousands to gain employment.

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