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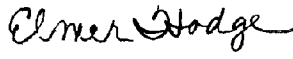
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AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROANOKE COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD AT THE FORMER ROANOKE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER, 3568 PETERS CREEK ROAD, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

MEETING DATE: November 13, 2007

AGENDA ITEM: Recognition of Roanoke County and Hollins University for winning the 2007 Virginia Municipal League President's Award for the annual Technology Education for Kids (TEK) Camp summer program

SUBMITTED BY: Doug Chittum
Economic Development Director

APPROVED BY: Elmer C. Hodge 
County Administrator

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

I am pleased to advise that President Nancy Gray of Hollins University will attend the meeting. She and I will share with the Board some preliminary plans for expanding the County's partnership with the university.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

At the 2007 Virginia Municipal League's (VML) annual conference held this past October in Williamsburg, TEK Camp 2006, a collaborative project involving Roanoke County and Hollins University, won the President's Award for its innovative approach to ***Growing Our Own Workforce*** of entry level employees.

The President's Award is the most prestigious award granted by the VML Achievement Awards program. The award was established in 1996 for Virginia governments to submit projects which exemplify the jurisdiction's efforts to improve the delivery of services to its citizens in an innovative and entrepreneurial manner.

Technology Education for Kids (TEK) Camp identifies students with technical potential at an early age for the purpose of enhancing their skills training in the secondary school system. The camp spans five days and is free of charge for the children, who are provided meals, transportation, and supplies. Camp is held on the campus of Hollins University with fieldtrips to the business community throughout the week to meet local executives, human resource managers, and employees. The classes and interactive programs challenge

young people to discover how technology impacts their lives and encourages them to consider the many career and educational opportunities that are available to them.

The support of the local business community is indispensable to the success of TEK Camp. Some of the businesses that have opened their doors to the program include First Team Auto Mall, WDBJ Television, Q-99 and related radio stations, Carillon, and the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center.

This award is an acknowledgement of the partnership between Roanoke County and Hollins University and reflects a shared commitment to the greater Roanoke region. The TEK Camp partnership began in 2004. In 2007, Roanoke County and Hollins welcomed two new partners, Roanoke County Schools and Virginia Western Community College.