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## ***HCC Workforce Summit to Highlight Innovative Solutions for Stafford Businesses***

*Summit to be held on Thursday, May 6, 2010*

HOUSTON, TX (May 3, 2010) – Houston Community College is bringing together industry leaders, elected officials and emerging business executives from Stafford to begin a dialogue about the workforce needs in the area. The Workforce Summit is hosted by HCC Trustee Neeta Sane, District VII, and will be held Thursday, May 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the HCC Stafford Campus, 10041 Cash Road. The Honorable Leonard Scarcella, Mayor of Stafford, will be a featured speaker at the event.

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.

"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 Stafford," said Sane. "Through Mayor Scarcella's visionary leadership, Stafford has one of the strongest and most diverse economies in the state. We look forward to hearing Mayor Scarcella's vision for the future of Stafford and discussing opportunities that will lead to even greater business growth."

The Summit will be an opportunity to receive an update about the many programs and trainings that HCC is providing in order to meet the workforce needs in Stafford; to dialogue about new ways HCC can serve the business community in the near future; and to enable participants to network with colleagues.

Houston Community College is committed to serving businesses through innovative education and training solutions. The Workforce Summit will be an opportunity to work with stakeholders in the community to collaborate on ways to build a stronger regional economy.

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### **About HCC**

HCC is one of the country's largest singularly-accredited, open-admission, community colleges offering associate degrees, certificates, workforce training and lifelong learning opportunities for 70,000 students each semester. HCC is composed of six colleges that serve the greater Houston area's diverse communities by preparing individuals to live and work in today's increasingly international and technological society. To learn more go to [hccs.edu](http://hccs.edu).