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Fayetteville Technical Community College Paves the Way for Nationwide Engagement Through a Partnership that will Aid Returning Veterans and Spouses with Skills Development and Career Opportunities

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – November 11, 2011 – Fayetteville Technical Community College has partnered with ACT, The Manufacturing Institute (affiliated with National Association of Manufacturers), and Futures, Inc. to assist veterans and spouses to develop and document their workplace skills and to connect with career pathway resources and potential employers. The partnership was formed in recognition of Veterans Day and the one million service members projected to return to civilian life within the next five years. Fayetteville Technical Community College has been designated as the education and testing site for returning veterans and their spouses in this pilot. The first group of twenty-one veterans participating in this new partnership program completed the Career Readiness Certificate program through Fayetteville Technical Community College and was recognized during a ceremony held on November 8 at the Airborne & Special Ops Museum.

The primary objective of the four partnering organizations through this initiative is to recognize and honor the service of America's military. The partners share a commitment to assisting veterans and their spouses who face a difficult labor market by helping them access career-ready credentials and training that will translate into rewarding civilian careers in any industry sector.

“The recognition ceremony held on November 8 for our first group of veterans represented what is likely to become an international initiative to address pressing needs our nation now faces. Like thousands of other service members who will soon leave the Armed Forces, these veterans will emerge amid economic conditions that are more uncertain than we have experienced in many decades.” said FTCC President Dr. Larry Keen. “Through the National Career Readiness Certificate (a skills credential recognized nationwide) and the North Carolina Career Readiness Certificate (which serves as the backbone of our state's commitment to building its future workforce), participating veterans will be able to verify their employability to employers across our nation based on highly reliable assessments of work-related skills. This is an important step along a rapidly emerging pathway that will lead to quality jobs and meaningful careers for veterans who will soon be re-entering civilian life. Throughout their military service, veterans have accepted the responsibility to protect our nation, its citizens, and its way of life. As I reflect on the significance of Veterans Day, I am especially proud of the role that Fayetteville Technical Community College has played in this effort.”

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More information on the partner institutions can be found at the locations below:

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FTCC:	http://www.faytechcc.edu/
Futures, Inc.:	http://futuresinc.com/
The Manufacturing Institute:	www.themanufacturinginstitute.org
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Fayetteville Technical Community College was established in 1961 and serves over 40,000 students annually by providing over 150 affordable occupational, technical, general education, college transfer, and continuing education programs to meet students' needs and desires as well as the community. Visit FTCC's website at www.faytechcc.edu.

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