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WELDING PROGRAM TO RECEIVE ARC GRANT

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine has recommended \$100,000 for MECC in Appalachian Regional Commission funding to meet critical work force needs in welding and pipe fitting.

MECC proposes to purchase and install equipment and hire a faculty member in order to upgrade the existing Welding certificate program. The upgrade will increase the capacity of the program to meet current and projected demand, while also upgrading the content of the program to better meet regional workforce needs in the areas of pipe welding, pipe bending, and pipefitting.

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) implements the ARC program for the commonwealth. Through a competitive grant process, DHCD recommends eligible grantees to receive ARC funding for projects within Virginia's Appalachian region, which encompasses 23 counties and seven independent cities in Southwest Virginia. DHCD works with ARC and grantees to finalize the grant process and initiate the projects proposed. MECC Grants Coordinator Nikki Morrison wrote the grant.

Awards are being made through ARC's Area Development (ADI), Asset-Based Development (ABDI) and Telecommunications Initiatives (TI). ADI grants are dedicated to support infrastructure improvements, entrepreneurship support and work force development. ABDI funds are designed to address the leveraging of cultural, natural, community, structural and economic assets. TI funds seek to stimulate economic growth and improve the standard of living through technology-related projects.

VACANCY

MECC invites applications for a **9 month faculty position in English** available August 16, 2008, position number F0046.

Minimum of a master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in English is required. Additional graduate study and teaching experience are required for appointment beyond the Instructor level. Some graduate study in composition and rhetoric theory or methodology is preferred. Experience teaching developmental English and composition or in teaching at-risk students is preferred. Applicants should have a strong interest in applications of technology to include delivery of instruction by distance education, the application of computers to writing instruction, and the application of active/collaborative learning and learning communities. Applicants should be committed to a philosophy of a comprehensive community college.

Rank is dependent upon qualifications and experience. Salary range \$40,061-\$63,897.

To apply, submit a Virginia Application for Employment form available at <http://jobs.state.va.us/eo-appl.htm>, curriculum vita, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three professional references, and unofficial transcripts no later than **Friday, May 30, 2008**, to Human Resource Office, Mountain Empire Community College, 3441 Mountain Empire Road, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, telephone (276) 523-2400, ext. 212. Virginia Relay Users dial 711.

An Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Minorities, females, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Documents verifying your identity and eligibility to work in the United States must be presented upon employment. Selected candidate will be subject to a background check as a condition of employment.

RELAY FOR LIFE

MECC IT Specialist and Award-Winning Illusionist and Comedian Joeseeph Young will perform a benefit show on Friday, May 2, at 7:00 pm at The Inn at Norton. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Wise County.

Admission is \$7.00 for adults. Free admission for two children 12 and under with each paid adult. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling Stacey Miniard at 679-7000 or Jennie Hill at 679-4789.



SAFETY AT WORK

The Material Safety Data Sheet Part 1

(Part II will be in next week's LINK)

OSHA SAYS "Properly trained workers will know how to read and use . . . material safety data sheets." They will also "know how to access this information when needed."

➤ **Companies maintain** MSDSs as either hard copies or electronic files. Employees should fill in the following information:

MSDSs IN MY COMPANY ARE LOCATED:

➤ **Employees must read** the MSDS before they begin work with hazardous chemicals. OSHA does not specify the format MSDSs must follow. However, OSHA's recommended MSDS format is as follows:

- **IDENTIFY**, which will be the same name as on the container label
- **SECTION I** - Manufacturer or Supplier Information. This section contains the chemical, product, and company identity, including contact information and when the MSDS was completed.
- **SECTION II** - Hazardous Ingredients/Identity Information. This section includes ingredients, chemical ID, and common name, and limits on worker exposure, including OSHA's Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) or the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienist's (ACGIH) Threshold Limit Value (TLV).

RED FOX GRILL

The Red Fox Grill will be closed May 15 - June 3. They will reopen on June 4. Summer hours will be from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.

CELEBRATION OF PEOPLE

The annual Celebration of People will be held Thursday, May 15, in the Goodloe Center. Lunch will be served at 12:00 and the recognitions will begin at 1:00.

AWARDS & GRADUATION

The MECC Awards Ceremony will be held Thursday, May 8, in the Goodloe Center. Refreshments will be served beginning at 5:00 pm and the ceremony will begin at 6:00 pm.

Graduation will be held Thursday, May 15, at 6:00 pm in parking lot A.