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## THE SKILLSOURCE GROUP, INC. OPENS NEW CAREER SERVICES CENTER AT NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE MANASSAS CAMPUS

November 19, 2013 – The *SkillSource* Group, Inc. (on behalf of the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board) announces the opening of the new *SkillSource* Career Services Center at the Manassas Campus of Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA). The *SkillSource* Career Services Center was officially launched during a ceremony on November 13, 2013 at NOVA-Manassas. Speakers included Senator Charles J. Colgan, Manassas Mayor Harry J. Parrish II and Prince William Supervisor John D. Jenkins.

Todd W. Rowley, Chairman of the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board, a member of the Northern Virginia Community College Board and a Senior Vice President at Capital One Bank, stated, "I expect this *SkillSource* Center will be a template for aligning college career services with the growing technology and technically-skilled employee needs of the greater Manassas business community."

NOVA President Robert G. Templin Jr. also emphasized the collaboration between *SkillSource* and NOVA at the event. "We have to create a strategy where we collectively combine our resources to give our population a pathway to a livable wage career. This partnership with *SkillSource* that we're celebrating today is a great start," Templin said.

**SkillSource** partnered with NOVA on their successful grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Labor's Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grants Program. NOVA's "Credentials to Careers" initiative is to help foreign trade-impacted, other low-skilled or dislocated adult workers find meaningful employment in STEM careers. The **SkillSource** Career Services Center expands **SkillSource**'s presence into western Prince William County and will offer employment and training services to all job seekers. More information on the Center can be found at www.myskillsource.org.

The NOVA press release on the opening of the *SkillSource* Career Services Center can be found <u>here</u>.

The *SkillSource* Group, Inc. and the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board serve over 1.9 million residents within the counties of Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William and the cities of Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park. For more information, please call (703) 752-1606 or visit www.myskillsource.org.

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From left to right: Northern Virginia Community College Board Members Mr. Hong Xu and Ms. Sheryl Bass, Dr. Robert G. Templin, Jr., President of Northern Virginia Community College; Dr. Roger Ramsammy, Provost of Northern Virginia Community College Manassas Campus; Mr. Todd Rowley, Chairman of Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board and Senior Vice President of Capital One Bank; Mr. Derrick Washington, *SkillSource* Career Services Center Manager (in background); Prince William Supervisor John D. Jenkins of the Neabsco District; Senator Charles J. Colgan of the 29<sup>th</sup> District; Dr. Milan Hayward, National Director of Northern Virginia Community College's U.S. Department of Labor Credentials to Careers Program.