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**THE *SKILLSOURCE* GROUP, INC. RECEIVES GRANT TO SUPPORT
EMPLOYMENT PLACEMENTS OF ADULT JOB SEEKERS
IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY**

August 26, 2013 - The *SkillSource* Group, Inc. (the non-profit arm of the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board; Area #11) recently was awarded \$168,759 from the Virginia Department of Social Services to provide employment assistance for 40 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) eligible adults in Prince William County. The project is intended to reduce the dependence of parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation and work with a secondary goal for TANF-eligible clients to become more integrated within the local public workforce investment system.

Hector Velez, Chairman of the *SkillSource* Group, Inc. and Executive Vice President of Business Development for HireStrategy, Inc., noted: “Even as our economy slowly improves, job seekers must contend with barriers unique to their circumstances. Reaching out to families in need of employment assistance addresses our responsibility to integrate these families into the public workforce system. *SkillSource* is pleased for the opportunity to further enhance the delivery of employment services to these job seekers as they seek to enter the Northern Virginia workforce.”

SkillSource partnered with the Prince William County Department of Social Services and the Prince William County Office of Housing and Community Development to serve 40 TANF-eligible adults over a one-year period. Other partners contributing to this project include the Prince William Workforce Center (a *SkillSource* One-Stop Employment Center), Prince William Public Schools Adult Education, the Prince William County Prisoner Re-entry Council, and the Prince William County Fatherhood Initiative.

The *SkillSource* Group, Inc. and the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board serve over 1.9 million residents and thousands of businesses 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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