

## Virginia's Community Colleges

### Chancellor's Task Force on Environmental Sustainability

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#### Introduction

The green revolution that is sweeping not just the United States, but the entire globe, offers the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) an opportunity to develop environmentally sustainable priorities for the construction, renovation and operations of all facilities owned by the VCCS. Green technologies and practices also have implications for curricula and program development that could lead to new jobs in the future.

The sheer size of the VCCS, with nearly 400,000 students being served in more than seven million square feet of space throughout 220 buildings, demands leadership on the issues of energy efficiency, environmental stewardship, and curricula development. To provide this leadership, a Task Force has been created to specifically:

- Develop environmental sustainability priorities related to construction, renovation and the operation of facilities, doing so in a manner to recognize both related costs and potential savings and benefits;
- Identify opportunities to work with community partners to support and promote environmental sustainability;
- Recommend curricula enhancements and new workforce programs that respond to the growing "green" economy;
- Evaluate contracting procedures with a goal of implementing procurement practices that promote the use of technologies, products, and practices that are environmentally beneficial.

#### Timeline

The Task Force will present a preliminary report to the advisory council of presidents (ACOP) in October 2009 and a final report to the VCCS State Board in November 2009

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