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President's Stimulus Package Provides Summer Jobs for Youth

(Fredericksburg, VA) – Employment Resources Incorporated (ERI) received federal dollars this year from President Barack Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Bill of 2009 to fund a 2009 Summer Youth Employment Program.

“The program is for local youth ages 14-24 years old,” said Pam Simms, ERI's coordinator for the summer program. “It is designed to provide employment for youth from low income households,” Simms added. The employment program is six weeks in length and runs from June 22-July 30.

“We were fortunate to receive this funding for the program which will be administered by the Department of Labor through the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Bay Consortium Workforce Investment Board,” said Joan McLaughlin, President of Employment Resources Inc.

The initial funding from the Department of Labor was allocated to the Commonwealth of Virginia. ERI received \$187,000 in federal funding through the Commonwealth to support employment for approximately 100 youth in the Fredericksburg and Northern Neck areas for the summer program.

“There is a tremendous need in our region to provide employment opportunities for our local youth,” McLaughlin said. “The last year Employment Resources received federal funds for the program was 2000 and we are so excited to be able to reinstate the program this year.”

Work days for the 2009 Summer Youth Employment Program consist of Monday through Thursday from 8:00am-2:00pm and participants are paid the current federal minimum wage.

Employment Resources Incorporated (ERI) is a private not-for-profit organization with offices located in Fredericksburg and Montross, Virginia that serves the city of Fredericksburg and multiple cities and counties in the Northern Neck and Rappahannock region. ERI also operates the Gladys H. Oberle School in Fredericksburg, a private alternative day school for middle and high age children. Its mission is to provide youth with the education and skills they need to become successfully employed, self-sufficient and contributing members of their community. ERI also provides specialized employment training programs and services to the adult workforce and employers in their service region.

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