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## **DC Workforce Development Pilot Program Places District at the Vanguard of Job Readiness and Workforce Training, Says Thomas**

*Washington, DC*-Ward 5 Councilmember Harry Thomas, Jr. today expressed his enthusiastic support for the newly formed public-private partnership to promote workforce skills and training among District residents. “The initiative places the District at the vanguard of creating innovative ways to deliver job readiness and workforce training,” said Thomas.

The partnership includes the Government of District of Columbia, Wal-Mart, city academic institutions, local businesses, and community-based organizations. The training programs are made possible by a \$3 million donation to the Community College of the District of Columbia.

Councilmember Thomas has been a strong voice for linking Wal-Mart’s planned presence in the District to job readiness and workforce training initiatives. “The funding from Wal-Mart and the public-private partnership are exactly what I have been calling for,” said Thomas. “To say I am pleased would be an understatement; I am thrilled, and look forward to ensuring that Ward 5 residents are among program participants.”

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