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*Economic Development Organization*

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**VSU Receives Grant to Launch Online Logistics Certificate Program**

PETERSBURG - Opportunity Inc. awarded Virginia State University (VSU) a \$63,860 grant to help fund a pilot online-course for the purposes of training the regional workforce in one of VGR's targeted industry sectors, Global Logistics. The planned course will provide continuing education for industry professionals and dislocated workers alike, concentrating on a basic foundation in logistics. Local corporate citizens engaged in logistics will be on-hand to help provide real-world knowledge and access to their employees. The participants include: Wal-Mart, Ace Hardware, Goya Foods, Boehringer Ingelheim Chemicals, Joint Logistics Managers, and Riverside Logistics.

With our strong transportation infrastructure, Global Logistics has always been a core industry for the Gateway Region. Programs such as VSU's online training help to enhance the skills of the workforce, thereby improving the quality of the labor pool for companies looking to locate in the region.

The best part is that employers have already paid for this service through the Federal Unemployment Tax, so there is no additional cost to use VWC! When you are ready to recruit employees, turn to the VEC to help you. For a listing of contact information and locations where VEC services are provided, click on the Workforce Centers button on [www.VaEmploy.Com](http://www.VaEmploy.Com). For "hands-on" assistance with navigating the VWC, contact our Business Resources Team at [BusinessResources@vec.virginia.gov](mailto:BusinessResources@vec.virginia.gov). Want to try it on your own?

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