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**Howard College Nabs Summer Youth
Employment Program Contract**

BIG SPRING – Howard College has received notice from the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission Workforce Solutions (WFS) Division that they have been awarded a contract for the provision of the Summer Youth Employment Program.

The piece of the program being implemented by Howard College will consist of employment skills training and will be coordinated by Don Cook who has extensive experience in vocational programs.

Approximately 20 students ranging in age from 14-21 will receive training on employment skills such as job searching, resume and cover letter writing, interviewing and critical thinking.

“We are very pleased to have this opportunity to work with the Workforce Solutions Division and implement this critical training with our youth,” said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, President of Howard College. “This type of employment training is crucial for them to be able to go out into the workforce and be successful so we are thrilled to be a part of that.”

The students, selected by the WFS Division, will attend classes in the morning and then will move on to their assigned employment in the afternoon. Classes will be held at HC’s College at the Mall location but will also include some field trips and lunch provided every day. Each student will receive a certificate of completion in recognition for their accomplishments.

“This is a vital program in Howard County,” said Tom Land, Director of Workforce Training for Howard College. “We are confident that through this type of program and training, we can make a difference for our youth.”

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