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MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
Office of the President

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MEMORANDUM

To: Montgomery College Colleagues

From: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President

Subject: Award of Major US Department of Labor Grant

I am pleased to announce that the College has been awarded a nearly $15 million grant from the US Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration for a statewide program to support cyber-technology programs. The announcement of this Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant award for our Cyber-Technology Pathways Across Maryland (CPAM) Consortium and other workforce development grants was made at the White House earlier today.

Numerous individuals, especially the leadership of Workforce Development & Continuing Education (WD&CE), have worked hard to develop this proposal. I am so very excited and proud of their efforts! In addition, many people have been involved across the state among our 13 Maryland community college partners in this application. The portion slated for Montgomery College's implementation is $5 million.

The CPAM Consortium is designed to create linkages and develop mechanisms to well-defined career pathways that lead to good jobs for Marylanders. Special emphasis will be placed on veterans, the unemployed and underemployed, and other low-skilled adults, with special attention to bringing women and underrepresented populations into the field. Nearly 40 employers provided input into the development of this proposal, including IBM, Booz Allen, and Lockheed Martin. Public and nonprofit partners included CyberWatch, Tech Council of Maryland, Carroll Tech Council, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, and the Housing Opportunities Commission.

Please contact Steve Greenfield, dean of business, information technology, and safety in WD&CE, at 240-567-2583 or steve.greenfield@montgomerycollege.edu for more information. Dean Greenfield is the principal investigator for the grant.

This is a very important win for Montgomery College, but even more importantly, a win for the cyber-technology industry and especially for students in Montgomery County and indeed across the state of Maryland. It is one more significant way we can help students change their lives and lead in efforts to close the skills gap—ensuring more workers are ready with 21st-Century skills to fuel the economy!