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PREP (Pulaski Regional Employment Program) is a Somerset ~ Pulaski County Development Foundation project designed to develop a database of qualified persons who will meet the needs of existing or potential employers in Pulaski County.

The program will include ACT's Work Keys assessments, basic workplace essential skills training, and employer participation. Upon completion of the assessments, up to 40 hours of customized individual instruction will be provided by the Department for Employment Services, Department of Adult Education and Literacy, and/or Somerset Community College.

At the completion ceremony, each participant will receive documentation relevant to their specific abilities. As job openings exist, Pulaski County employers will grant an interview to eligible applicants who meet each specific employer's criteria.

This database of qualified candidates will be available through the Somerset ~ Pulaski County Development Foundation and the Department for Employment Services to new or potential employers looking at this area.

According to Carrol Estes, Executive Director of the Somerset ~ Pulaski County Development Foundation, "this database of certified candidates will be a tremendous asset to existing employers, potential new industries, and high tech companies as they locate in the new Valley Oak Technology Complex."

Partners in this project with the Development Foundation include the Department for Employment Services, Somerset Community College, the Department of Adult Education and Literacy, Somerset ~ Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, Center for Rural Development, and Cumberland Workforce Investment Act.

An information meeting for those who wish to enroll, or want more information about the PREP meeting will be held Tuesday, November 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the Center for Rural Development