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Gov. Bevin Awards Kentucky Work Ready Communities Certification to Christian County, Kentucky

Hopkinsville, KY – Gov. Matt Bevin announced on Tuesday that Christian County has been certified as a Kentucky Work Ready Community.

A Kentucky Work Ready Community certification is a measure of a county's workforce quality. It is an assurance to business and industry that the community is committed to providing the highly-skilled workforce required in today's competitive global economy. Through this effort, Kentucky communities can assess their own workforce strengths and follow a process to become certified as Work Ready or Work Ready in Progress.

"We were thrilled to get the designation of being a Work Ready Community", said Angie Major, Director of Workforce & Education for the Christian County Chamber of Commerce. "I have a passion for helping students find their way to success and for many that means finding good jobs. There are a variety of programs available for both students and adults to find jobs, we just have to continue to foster those efforts and ensure success."

Many organizations played a role in obtaining the designation to include the Christian County Chamber of Commerce, Southwestern Kentucky Economic Development Council, Workforce Investment Board, Hopkinsville Community College, Christian County Public Schools, Murray State University, along with multiple community, government and industry leaders.

"The Work Ready Certification helps economic development recruiting efforts tremendously in our community and showcases the commitment to workforce said Mark Lindsey, Director of Southwestern Kentucky Economic Development Council. "Certifications like these demonstrate the effort and willingness from different organizations working together as a team to accomplish this goal."

To become certified, communities must gather local support and commitment and apply for the Kentucky Work Ready Communities designation. Counties have to meet criteria in seven areas: high school graduation rate, career readiness certifications, community commitment, educational attainment, life-skills development, broadband access, and matching workforce supply and demand.