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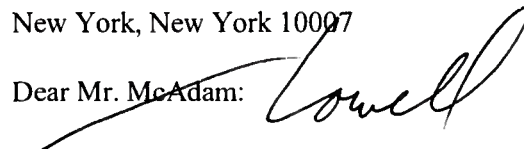
Office of the Governor

Robert F. McDonnell
Governor

August 23, 2011

Lowell C. McAdam
President & Chief Executive Officer
140 West Street
New York, New York 10007

Dear Mr. McAdam:

I want to thank you, the Verizon Foundation and Virginia's Verizon employees for the generous grant awarded to The Virginia Literacy Foundation (VLF). The Commonwealth's public/private partnership with VLF was the first of its kind in the nation. This joint venture was created in an effort to make an impact on the immense economic, educational, and social consequences of illiteracy to Virginians who are expected to compete in a rapidly changing technological environment. The Verizon Improvement Project grant is simply the most recent example of Verizon's continuing efforts to partner with VLF and the Commonwealth to utilize technology, financial resources, and employees to promote a lifespan of literacy services from pre-K through adulthood.

VLF has spent nearly twenty-five years building and sustaining a statewide network of community-based literacy organizations. The Verizon Improvement Project and its use of best-in-class technology disseminated through CBLOs will significantly enhance the ever-increasing cooperative efforts between career and technical educators and business and industry representatives to stimulate the growth and vitality of our Commonwealth's economy.

Virginia has a long history of supporting lifelong learning and building partnerships between private and public sectors for the advancement of adult and continuing education and literacy. Literacy, numeracy, technology, and English language skills are basic requirements for personal growth and economic stability, and require a commitment to learning throughout the lifetime. Verizon's contribution demonstrates such a commitment and that the most impactful work of VLF is a shared success. On behalf of the Commonwealth's citizens, I applaud Verizon's efforts and thank you.

Sincerely,


Robert F. McDonnell

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*Thanks for your team
great work in Virginia*