

**Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board and Northern Virginia Community  
College Testify at U.S. Senate HELP Subcommittee on Innovative Workforce  
Collaborations**

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued Report GAO-12-97, **Workforce Investment Act: Innovative Collaborations between Workforce Boards and Employers Helped Meet Local Needs** on [February 15, 2012](#). The GAO Report cites several local and regional workforce programs that have had success in responding to local business and industry hiring needs. The Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board (Area #11) and Northern Virginia Community College were highlighted in the GAO Report for the joint efforts in creating and sustaining NoVaHealthFORCE, the initiative to enhance registered nursing training capacity in five higher educational institutions in Northern Virginia. The GAO Report can be accessed online at <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-97>

On Thursday [February 16, 2012](#), David Hunn, the Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board and Geraldine Hofler, the NoVaHealthForce Program Manager were part of a local workforce expert panel with the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, Subcommittee on Employment and Workforce Safety hearing in Washington, D.C. Their testimony focused on the lessons learned from effective collaborations between local workforce boards, community colleges and employers in addressing employment needs at the local level. The Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board (Area #11) represents the counties of Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William and the cities of Fairfax, Falls Church Manassas and Manassas Park. NoVaHealthForce is a regional health workforce initiative, chaired by Northern Virginia Community College President Robert Templin and engaging all of the Northern Virginia health providers and the two-year and four-year registered nursing programs in Northern Virginia.

The Senate Subcommittee Hearing can be viewed online at <http://www.help.senate.gov/hearings/hearing/?id=5908d481-5056-9502-5dc8-e1456c5d8dab> (Note that the Hearing is roughly 111 minutes in length. The Northern Virginia testimony starts at minute 55 with panel questions and responses through the end of the Hearing).



**Senator Patty Murray (Washington) – Subcommittee Chairman**

**Scott Cheney – Subcommittee Staff**



**David Hunn, Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board**

**Geraldine Hofler, Northern Virginia Community College and NOVAHealthForce**