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**REGIONAL CHAMBERS PARTNER WITH WHRO IN
INITIATIVE TO OFFER TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION**

SkillsOnline will provide workforce training courses

NORFOLK: WHRO Public Media, through its SkillsOnline service, has partnered with the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance, and The Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce to offer affordable online training and certification to their members.

SkillsOnline is WHRO's professional development and workforce training portal, offering thousands of skills-based courses for life-long learning and workplace advancement. The Chambers will offer SkillsOnline courses as a benefit to their member organizations and their employees.

"SkillsOnline is an affordable, efficient way to train, gain industry certifications, achieve professional advancement and succeed in the career of your choice," says Mike Kuhns, President/CEO of VA Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. "SkillsOnline offers courses in business including project management, marketing and computer skills, construction, graphic design, personal development, IT and more."

"With the local Chambers as our partners, we can offer training to anyone who is looking for a job or to get ahead in their current career," says Bert Schmidt, President and CEO of WHRO, "Throughout Williamsburg, the Peninsula and all of Hampton Roads, the Chambers of Commerce have always been a great way to connect local businesses with residents. Now this partnership with SkillsOnline will assist businesses to focus on the skillsets they need in employees, and allow those in the workforce to get the training and certifications they need to get ahead. This is a win/win situation."

More information is available by visiting: <https://williamsburgcc.skillsonline.org/>, <https://hrcc.skillsonline.org>, or <https://vpcc.skillsonline.org>

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About WHRO: Since its founding in 1961 to support education, WHRO has utilized creativity and technology to serve the residents of southeast Virginia in its mission

to educate, inform and entertain viewers and listeners of WHRO's four public television and eight public radio stations. Owned by 19 southeastern Virginia school divisions, WHRO also delivers online educational and new media services to 25,000 Educators & 280,000 Students Locally; 155,000 Educators & over 1.2 million Students Statewide.

About the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance: The mission of the GWCTA is to advocate, collaborate, and create networking opportunities so that new businesses can emerge and existing businesses can grow and prosper, while promoting our region as a premier year-round travel destination.

About Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce: The Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce is the Region's premier business organization; helping our members succeed, driving regional economic growth and enhancing the quality of life of our region's residents. The Chamber is a vigorous advocate for the economic success of its member businesses, which employ nearly 300,000 men and women in southeastern Virginia. Visit HamptonRoadsChamber.com.

About The Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce: The Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce (VPCC) serves the Cities of Newport News, Hampton and Poquoson; and James City County and York County. The VPCC is a business association that "Connects Business with Opportunity" through Facilitation, Advocacy, Communication and Education. For more information, call 757.262.2000 or emailinfo@vpcc.org