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CRDA and Atlantic County Fund ACCC Project *Creates Jobs and Expands Job Training Opportunities*

ATLANTIC CITY – The Casino Reinvestment Development Authority today approved \$5 million in funding for the Atlantic Cape Community College Hospitality Studies Center for Workforce Training Project. The County of Atlantic has agreed to provide the \$5 million balance for the ACCC Project funding.

The \$ 10 million project consists of the construction of a 22,547 square foot addition to the current building on the Charles D. Worthington Campus on Bacharach Blvd. in Atlantic City.

Construction is expected to take twelve months. There will be 141 construction jobs and 20-30 permanent full time employees. The Hospitality Studies Center plans to train 1,200 individuals annually.

“We often speak of rebuilding the city block-by-block. With this workforce project, we are helping to rebuild the community worker-by-worker,” stated James B. Kehoe, Chairman of the CRDA Board.

“Atlantic Cape has grown its presence in Atlantic City over the last 30 years, training residents with a variety of superior academic, technical and training programs and is committed to the future of the city,” said Dr. Peter L. Mora, ACCC president. “The Hospitality Studies Center will train residents for entry- and mid-level culinary and hospitality jobs, directly supporting the hospitality industry, in particular the casino hotels.”

In June 2008, the Atlantic City Region Economic & Workforce Profile Project was completed for CRDA by Rutgers University’s Heldrich Center for Workforce Development. It identified the need for vocational training of the hospitality workforce. The ACCC Project was proposed in response to CRDA’s desire to use the findings as a basis to support job and economic growth associated with the hospitality industry.

The proposed first floor will include two teaching kitchens along with support faculties, including walk in freezers and refrigerators, dry storage, locker rooms for students and a retail store to merchandize student production items, a multipurpose classroom, three faculty/staff offices, restrooms, lobby space and storage.

The second floor includes a hotel room with storage and four faculty/staff offices. The plan includes a "green roof" which will house a rooftop culinary garden with the added benefits of reducing energy costs, reducing urban heat island effect and managing storm water runoff.

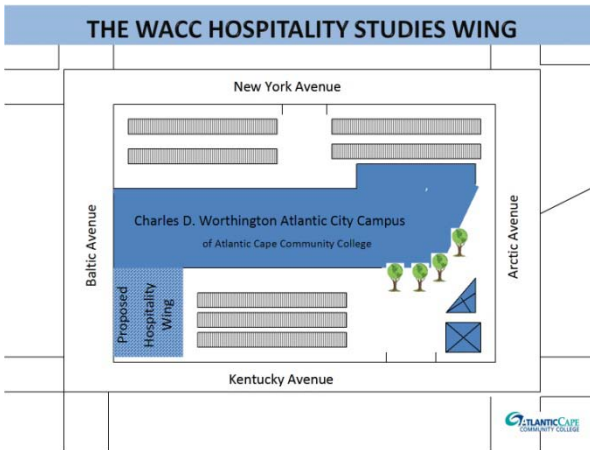
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Current building on right; addition on left.



View of solar panels and “green roof”



Site Plan

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The only agency of its kind nationwide – the CRDA has used Atlantic City casino reinvestments as a catalyst for meaningful, positive improvement in the lives of New Jersey residents statewide. In doing so, the CRDA has dramatically changed Atlantic City’s residential, commercial, cultural, and social landscape, while financially supporting quality-of-life improvement efforts throughout New Jersey. In the 24 years of its existence, the CRDA has invested over \$1.8 billion in 400 projects statewide.