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SUBJECT: Upcoming Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Workshops on Research and Innovative Practices in Frontline Workforce Development in Health and Healthcare

1. **Purpose:** To announce the upcoming workshops entitled, “Frontline Workforce Development: Promoting Partnerships and Emerging Practices in Health and Health Care” sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

2. **Background:** The Employment and Training Administration is promoting opportunities for partnerships with philanthropic organizations in the field of workforce investment because of shared interests in sectoral strategies, employment strategies for targeted populations, microenterprise, and career advancement strategies for low-skilled and low-wage workers. One such organization is the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation whose mission is to improve the health and health care of all Americans. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation invests primarily in health care in the following areas: 1) Targeted health care challenges; 2) Development and retention of quality health care professionals; 3) Community-based projects that provide health care services to vulnerable populations; and 4) Innovative projects that promote breakthroughs in health.

3. **Upcoming Workshops:** The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is sponsoring a free one-day informational workshop entitled, “Frontline Workforce Development: Promoting Partnerships and Emerging Practices in Health and Health Care.” The workshop will be held three times in various locations across the country.

I would encourage you to participate in one of these workshops as they present opportunities for the workforce investment system to share and gain knowledge on research and innovative practices for advancement of the frontline workforce in health and health care. Registration for the workshop is free, however because of space limitations, pre-registration is required.
Dates and Locations of Workshops:

- September 15, 2005
  Marriott Inn & Conference Center, University of Maryland, Adelphi, MD

- September 22, 2005
  Crowne Plaza San Francisco International Airport
  San Francisco, CA

- September 28, 2005
  Hyatt Regency Crown Center
  Kansas City, MO

For more information on the workshops and how to register, please go to http://www.rwjf.putnamcic.com/.