



Southern Virginia Higher Education Center

Established 25 years ago, SVHEC is a unique and non-traditional grassroots community collaborative. From humble beginnings in a mobile unit on the grounds of the local high school, the SVHEC has grown to:

- Occupy **two** facilities on the downtown South Boston campus
- Partner with **nine** educational partners, including one international institution
- Provide access to more than **70** degree programs
- Establish signature academic programming in **Digital Art & Design and Product Design & Development**
- Serve more than **4,000** students from 16 Virginia counties and four cities annually.
- Impact the region's educational attainment as evidenced by the **1,511** certificates and degrees conferred (since 2005) to students attending the SVHEC.

The Virginia Tobacco Indemnification & Community Revitalization Commission (TICR) has been and continues to be a vital catalyst in sustaining and growing the SVHEC's innovative workforce and education efforts.



Summary of TICR Funds

2001	2003	2005	2007	2008	2008-2009	
SVHEC Technology & Furnishings	Renovation for the Advanced Technology Lab	Amatrol Training Equipment for ATL	Renovation and start-up for the Center of Nursing Excellence	Digital Audio Visual Instructional Support (DAVIS)	R&D Center for Advanced Manufacturing & Energy Efficiency (R&D CAMEE)	
Technology & furnishings for the initial 35,000 sq.ft. of the SVHEC's first building (820 Bruce St.)	Renovated 7,000 sq.ft., for industrial training. Technical training equipment and lab space used for dual enrollment & community college students as well as incumbent worker training in electricity, electronics, and PLCs.	This grant allowed the SVHEC to put electronic module trainers in the ATL. The equipment is used for workforce training and tradesmen instruction.	4,200 sq.ft., were renovated in the 1st building for an advanced simulation lab for nursing education and training. To date, the CNE has had more than 755 users.	Funds allowed the installation of an AV recording system for advanced simulation. Students are able to receive instant feedback of their simulation performance, greatly enhancing the learning experience.	Funds to renovate a 2nd tobacco warehouse at 605 Seymour Dr. This facility, the SVHEC-Innovation Center, houses R&D CAMEE, the Business of Art & Design programs, and SVHEC Workforce Services.	Operational funding for R&D CAMEE, which works with local & regional industry to leverage energy-efficient equipment and processes to compete in a global economy. R&D also works with universities to enhance commercialization of research for economic development. An example of this is R&D's work with the UVA Breathe House project.