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### **CITY EMPLOYEE EARNS PRESTIGIOUS HUMAN RESOURCES CERTIFICATION**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 14, 2012) Denise Legette, Human Resources Manager, City of Suffolk, recently earned certification as a Professional in Human Resources (PHR).

The certification, awarded by the HR Certification Institute, signifies that Denise Legette possesses the theoretical knowledge and practical experience in human resource management necessary to pass a rigorous examination demonstrating a mastery of the field.

"Certification as a human resource professional clearly demonstrates a commitment to personal excellence and to the human resource profession," said Mary Power, CAE, Executive Director of the HR Certification Institute.

To become certified, an applicant must pass a comprehensive examination and demonstrate a strong background of professional human resource experience.

The HR Certification Institute is the credentialing body for human resource professionals and is affiliated with the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), the world's largest organization dedicated exclusively to the human

resource profession. The Institute's purpose is to promote the establishment of professional standards and to recognize professionals who meet those standards.

Suffolk Human Resources Director Ronnie Charles commented, "As a member of the Board of Directors for the HR Certification Institute (HRCI), I am extremely proud of Denise's accomplishment. Suffolk is a leader among our local government peers with the largest number of certified staff in the area."

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