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TEACHER TRAINING ON GLOBALIZATION AND SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

The Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center will host a new secondary teacher recertification workshop on globalization and Southwest Virginia. Topics to be discussed will include international trade in Southwest Virginia and trade education resources for teachers. There will be a special section on Mexico including a presentation on Hispanic culture. Speakers from international businesses in the region will also participate.

The workshop will be held at the Higher Ed Center on Saturday, September 29th from 9:00 - 4:00. The University of Virginia's Southwest Virginia Office in Abingdon and Virginia Tech's Office of Multicultural Programs will be co-sponsors for the event.

Dr. Rachel Fowlkes, Executive Director of the Higher Education Center, noted: "We are very excited to host this first-ever teacher recertification workshop on globalization and Southwest Virginia. This is such an important topic for public educators, to better prepare students for a more international world. Through our Global Southwest Virginia project, the Higher Ed Center has been in the forefront of helping businesses and students at our partner colleges to develop

new international strategies. We look forward to now assisting our colleagues in the secondary education field.”

Attendance is limited and interested teachers are encouraged to contact their local school division for registration information. The cost will be \$20, including lunch and all materials. For additional information, please contact Dr. Mary Quillen, 276-619-4312 or mquillen@virginia.edu