

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) today presented the Excel Institute with \$1.2 million for its Automotive Workforce Development Training Program.

The program, which targets at-risk District of Columbia youth and adults, provides job and technical training toward automotive service certifications.

“The Excel Institute is a regional success story,” Hoyer said. “It provides essential educational preparation and vocational training to an educationally-underserved population in the Washington Metro area.”

The Excel Institute is a non-profit post-secondary educational institution founded in 1997 by former Washington Redskin George Starke, and John Lyon, CEO of Parking Management, Inc.

“At Excel, we work to incorporate the basic literacy skills, life, and employability training our students need to become contributing members of their community,” said Henry Schultz, Chief Operating Officer of the Excel Institute. “I am grateful to Congressman Hoyer for providing the resources necessary to help these men and women achieve success.”

In the last two years, the Excel Institute has served more than 250 students, placing many trained mechanics in good-paying jobs. In addition to receiving technical training at Excel, several graduates earned their GED there as well.

“Excel admits students that do not qualify for other programs- and it helps a diverse group of people including those with a history of substance abuse, high-school dropouts, low-income earners, and people with disabilities,” Hoyer said. “This important program benefits people trying to turn their lives around, and make a better life for themselves their families.”

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