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**Hamilton County is One of Eight Selected for  
National Career Readiness Initiative**

Hamilton County is pleased to announce three local leaders have been selected for a national program on career readiness. Across the country, eight counties were chosen for the National Association of Counties (NACo) Counties for Career Success (C4CS) initiative. The program recognizes the important role counties play in streamlining pathways to higher education and employment.

Hamilton County Cohort Members:

**Tucker McClendon:** Deputy Mayor, Education & Workforce Development, Hamilton County Mayor's Office

**Alexa LeBoeuf:** Director of Economic & Community Development, Hamilton County Government

**Bo Drake:** Vice President, Economic & Workforce Development, Chattanooga State Community College;  
Interim Executive Vice President, Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT)

The year-long cohort will include discussions with national subject matter experts, visits to successful programs in peer communities, and development of an action plan to create lasting impacts on the local education and employment landscape.

“We know that the future of Hamilton County’s economy will reflect how well we prepare students today with both knowledge and skills,” said Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp. “Through this cohort, our county will gain insights that should allow us to sharpen our approach to workforce development as we strive to ultimately connect our citizens with living wage jobs.”

The C4CS initiative is designed to leverage the unique position of counties, which operate at the intersection of post-secondary education, workforce development, and human services. By fostering cross-systems collaboration and strategic coordination, county governments can play a pivotal role in connecting residents with family-sustaining jobs that meet local industry needs.

The culminating action plan will be the result of collaboration between Chattanooga State Community College, the Hamilton County Mayor's Office, and the Hamilton County Office of Economic and Community Development, empowering residents by providing them with the necessary resources and support to access quality education and meaningful employment.

“We have a unique opportunity before us to learn from counties across the country, who are leading the way in workforce development, and implement those proven strategies here, in Hamilton County,” said Deputy Mayor

McClendon. “It’s an honor to be a part of this program, and I look forward to ensuring a strong future for all workers in our community by bridging the gap between citizens and employers.”

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*The National Association of Counties (NACo) strengthens America’s counties, including nearly 40,000 county elected officials and 3.6 million county employees. Founded in 1935, NACo unites county officials to advocate for county government priorities in federal policymaking; promote exemplary county policies and practices; nurture leadership skills and expand knowledge networks; optimize county and taxpayer resources and cost savings; and enrich the public’s understanding of county government.*