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Alexander, Vitter Announce Grant Funding for Louisiana Technical College

(Washington, D.C.) – U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander and U.S. Sen. David Vitter today announced that Louisiana Technical College in Tallulah will receive a federal grant from the Department of Labor totaling \$350,000 for its YouthBuild Delta initiative to provide job training and educational opportunities for at-risk youth in the Towns of Tallulah and Lake Providence.

Through YouthBuild, students ages 16 to 24 will receive education and job training while constructing or repairing housing for low-income families in their own neighborhoods. Participants will split their time between the construction site and the classroom, where they will earn their GED or high school diploma, learn to become community leaders, and prepare for college and other postsecondary training opportunities. YouthBuild includes additional support systems, such as mentoring, employment, and personal counseling services.

“The program will give youth in these regions a means to develop job skills and seek professional opportunities they may have never realized were available to

them before, while also allowing them to take an active part in improving their communities,” Alexander said.

“By investing in essential job training and educational opportunities for at-risk youths with federal grants like this one, we are providing a real and immediate boost to our local economies. This federal funding will further enhance the educational opportunities that the LTC and YouthBuild provide to north Louisiana,” said Vitter.