



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sandy Wheat
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Economic Education
919.791.1995 (Office)
866.606.2233 (toll-free)

The Duke Energy Foundation Supports Economic and Financial Literacy Efforts

Raleigh, N.C. — The North Carolina Council on Economic Education (NCCEE) announced today that it has received a \$5,000 contribution from the Duke Energy Foundation in support of the NCCEE's economic and financial literacy efforts for North Carolina's educators and students. The NCCEE provides no-cost staff development workshops for North Carolina's K-12 teachers at which attendees receive resources, standards-based curricula, and training. The NCCEE also sponsors statewide academic competitions designed to engage students in fun ways that incorporate 21st Century Skills.

The programs of the NCCEE were endorsed by the Honorable Janet Cowell, State Treasurer of North Carolina, at the November 5 meeting of the State Board of Education. In a statement immediately following the meeting, Treasurer Cowell said, "Given current budget constraints, I understand the difficulties of initiating new programs to help students, no matter how worthy the focus area," stated Cowell. "The North Carolina Council on Economic Education, the National Endowment for Financial Education, and the College Foundation of North Carolina are available to help high schools and colleges provide financial education to their students."

"Duke Energy values a strong commitment to our communities," said J. Bryant Kinney, Vice President of Regulatory and Government Relations. "The purpose of this contribution is to assist with the general operating expenses while the NCCEE works to continue its mission of providing training and curriculum to K-12 North Carolina educators and continuing to provide hands-on programs for the North Carolina students."

Sandy Wheat, Executive Director of the NCCEE said, "The Duke Energy Foundation has a long history of supporting the efforts of the NCCEE and we certainly appreciate their commitment to continuing this tradition."

About the North Carolina Council on Economic Education (NCCEE):

The North Carolina Council on Economic Education was founded in 1970. NCCEE is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization working with K-12 teachers statewide to give our students a better understanding of economics and to prepare them for personal financial decision-making. With support from private businesses and foundations, and through partnerships with state agencies, the NCCEE is a tremendous example of an effective public-private partnership. More information on is available at www.nccee.org.