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**Chamber presents Alfred P. Sloan Awards**

**DURHAM, NC** – The Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce recently recognized businesses and organizations in Durham that demonstrate flexibility in the workplace with the Alfred P. Sloan Award for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility. Winners of this prestigious national award were announced by Kathy Hoffmeier, the Chamber's director of talent and workforce development, at a meeting of the Triangle Society for Human Resource Management at the Radisson Governors Inn in Research Triangle Park, NC.

The 2009 Sloan Award recipients are CrossComm, Inc., Durham's Partnership for Children, Expedite Group, Shodor Education, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and WorkSmart.

The Alfred P. Sloan Awards for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility are awarded as part of the *When Work Works* project, an ongoing initiative of Families and Work Institute, the Institute for a Competitive Workforce (ICW), an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the Twiga Foundation. Through *When Work Works*, these partner organizations provide research, resources, and recognition to employers nationwide, and share the results of research on creating effective and flexible workplaces that meet the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

This award recognizes employers that are successfully using workplace flexibility to meet both employer and employee goals. The scoring process is rigorous. Employer responses are measured against national data from Families and Work Institute's *National Study of Employers*. As a winner, Shodor ranks in the top 20% of employers nationally in terms of flexible work programs, policies and culture.

Durham is one of 30 select communities nationwide chosen to host and participate in the *When Work Works* initiative. Other communities participating are: Arizona (statewide); Atlanta, GA; Aurora, CO; Birmingham, AL; Boise, ID; Brockton, MA; Charleston, SC; Chicago, IL; Dallas, TX; Dayton, OH; Houston, TX; Lexington, KY; Long Beach, CA; Long Island, NY; Louisville, KY; Melbourne-Palm Bay, FL; Michigan (statewide) Milwaukee, WI; Morris County, NJ; Providence, RI; Richmond, VA; Salt Lake City, UT; San Francisco, CA; Savannah, GA; Seattle, WA; Spokane, WA;; Washington, DC; and Winona, MN.

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