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## Storm named outstanding employer

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— Storm Technologies, specialists in combustion and power, located in Albemarle recently traveled to Greensboro to receive the 2009 Governor's Award for Excellence in Workforce Development as the Outstanding Workforce Development Employer.

Stanly Community College and the Centralina Workforce Development Board are proud of the nomination of Storm Technologies and congratulate this local business in receiving this prestigious award that is granted to only two employers across the state of North Carolina every year.

Richard Storm, CEO of Storm Technologies and Danny Storm, Executive Vice President, both served on the Stanly County Career Readiness Task Force committee. This committee brings together business leaders, educators, and private citizens in the county to create programs to improve the work skills, education levels, and overall workforce development efforts in Stanly County.

The Storms also served on the Lifelong Learning Campaign task force with the Centralina Workforce Development Board. Storm Technologies employees have made presentations on the job skills, training, and education levels that are needed to obtain jobs within their industry.

Storm Technologies Executive Vice President Stephen Storm has led involvement with APP partners in Australia, Canada, China, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, and with private sector partners, to meet goals for energy security, national air pollution reduction, and climate change in ways that promote sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction.

Charlotte Maness, Storm HR Director noted that there is a strong need to support not only institutes of learning and organizations that champion workforce development, but also a need to support local agencies such as

Boy Scouts of America, OASIS, YMCA, Uwharrie Players, Rotary Club, and the Stanly Concert Association.

For more information on Storm Technologies, visit their website at [www.stormeng.com](http://www.stormeng.com). For additional information on local partnerships, please contact Kathy Gardner, Stanly Community College at (704) 991-0278 or David Hollars, Centralina Workforce Development Board at (704) 348-2717.

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### Photos



Pictured from left, (1st row) Danny Storm, Dr. Tanya Davis, David Hollars, Dick Storm, Ginny Storm. Charlotte Manness; 2nd row: Bill Ragland, Moses Carey, Chairman, Nathan Sanges, Kathy Almond, Marion Kinley, and Kathy Gardner