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PDA Welcomes New Tech College President to Tradeport

Wildolfo Arvelo starts July 15 at Stratham/Portsmouth Campus

(Portsmouth) Pease Development Authority Executive Director Dick Green welcomed the new president of the NH Community Technical College System's seacoast campus to the Tradeport today.

Wildolfo Arvelo will begin his term as the head of NHCTCS Stratham/Portsmouth starting July 15th. Arvelo replaces interim President and former PDA Executive Director William Bartlett, Jr., who served while a search was conducted.

"Higher education and continuing education are playing a larger role each year here at the Tradeport," said Green. "NHCTC is one of six colleges with campuses at Pease and we're anticipating continued growth in this area. Colleges are great tenants and I want to wish President Arvelo all the best as he takes the reigns of the Community Technical College here at Pease and takes his students and faculty into a new era."

NHCTCS officials are in the process of selling their Stratham campus that sits just off Route 33. Plans are to consolidate the college's Stratham operations with the Portsmouth campus already at Pease by 2009. Current programs of study at Pease include: automotive, biotechnology, business, computer science, criminal justice, early childhood education, health sciences, homeland security and hospitality management along with general studies and liberal arts.

The other colleges with facilities at the Tradeport offering both day and evening classes are: Daniel Webster, Franklin Pierce, Granite State College, Southern New Hampshire University and UNH Continuing Education.