

# Storm Technologies Earns Excellence in Workforce Development Award

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Storm Technologies, specialists in combustion and power, located in Albemarle, NC, 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 taskforce 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.

*Pictured above at the Governor's Award for Excellence in Workforce Development Banquet (1st row from left): Danny Storm, Executive Vice President, Storm Technologies; Dr. Tanya Davis, SCC Vice President, Continuing Education & Crutchfield Campus; David Hollars, Executive Director, Centralina Workforce Development Board; Dick Storm, CEO, Storm Technologies; Ginny Storm (spouse); Charlotte Manness, HR Director, Storm Technologies.*

*2nd row: Bill Ragland, Ragland Electrical Supply; Moses Carey, Chairman, Employment Security Commission of NC; Nathan Sanges, Manager, Stanly County JobLink Career Center/Employment Security Commission; Kathy Almond, Director, SCC Small Business Center; Marion Kinley, SCC Business/Industry Training Director; and Kathy Gardner, SCC Director, Business/Special Projects, Continuing Education.*

