

President's Office Crafton Hills College

A Campus of the San Bernardino Community College District

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Crafton Hills College and our partners, we pledge our support of the Inland Empire Regional Training Consortium's Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career funding proposal for which we are applying.

The partnership and vested support for this effort includes the San Bernardino County, City and Riverside County Workforce Investment Board Systems, eleven community college districts, California State University, San Bernardino, University of California, Riverside, Harvey Mudd College, California Steel Industries, Cott Beverage, Ventura Foods, Steelscape, Brithhinee Electric, Vista Metals, Manufactures' Council of the Inland Empire, Inland Empire Economic Partnership, Riverside County WIB, San Bernardino County WIB, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, Alliance for Education, Baldy View ROP, CRYROP, Goodwill Foundation, CAP Program, Catholic Charities, and James Irvine Foundation.

The formation of the IERTC will enhance workforce delivery and innovative curriculum development that will achieve levels of success for our adult students, particularly our long term unemployed workers who have little chance of returning to prior wage levels without new credentials. This regional initiative is based on creating a skilled workforce for our local employers by; raising the skill level of thousands of our workforce members who are displaced (TAA-eligible), unemployed, under-employed, out-of-school youths and/or incumbent workers with a need to improve technical skills and training for career advancement. The regional focus on advanced manufacturing will meet the training and employment needs of our region's largest employment sector, developing the highly trained/highly technical workforce necessary to advance the local economy and attract new industry to the region.

Should we receive funding to implement training program, we are committed to providing the following:

- Accept referrals from the training program
- Provide space for staff to meet with participants, conduct workshops, etc.
- Attend advisory committee and collaborative meetings to assess participants need, determine appropriate service and provide referral
- Enroll qualified participants in similar supportive programs at our school/organization
- Compare CHC academic coursework to program offerings
- Develop curriculum based on the review and analysis

We feel that this innovative new grant will be of enormous benefit to the employers and residents of this area and are dedicated to doing everything within our power to contribute to the success of this program. We are committed to being full partners in promoting the education of our residents and the community at large and increasing the economic vitality of our region.

Sincerely,

Cheryl A. Marshall, Ed.D.

President

Crafton Hills College