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Dear Kelli:

Employer Name eagerly endorses the proposed Truck Driving and Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) training model submitted to the CareerConneCT grant program on behalf of the CT workforce boards and other partners. The proposed project will provide demand-driven, credential-based CDL training opportunities to all five regions of the state in close alignment our company and many others in significant need of an increased CDL workforce.

Employer Name has significant current and future demand for Truck Drivers with CDL Class A and/or Class B credentials [list other credentials as needed i.e., Hazmat Endorsement]. This CDL training approach will play a critical role in meeting our talent needs. We project hiring needs for [list # of expected hires and/or occupational areas] over the next four years with starting wages of [list starting wage], and the credentials listed above are necessary qualifications for employment. We will support the success of the Statewide CDL Model by [delete any bullets that are not applicable]:

* Providing real-time information on current and projected hiring needs, including needed and valued skills, competencies, and credentials;
* Working with training partners to ensure that curricula meet our specific needs;
* Providing access to resources that support education and training activities (e.g., subject matter experts, instructors, guest speakers);
* Identifying promising candidates in need of skills upgrades and making reverse referrals to training vendors within the CDL Model;
* Visiting participant cohorts during training to meet candidates and present Employer job opportunities;
* Interviewing participants prior to and/or during the CDL training program;
* Considering making conditional offers of employment to individuals who complete CDL training;
* Hiring qualified participants who complete occupational training and meet our hiring needs;
* Providing on-the-job training (OJT) to training graduates, including paying a portion of participants’ wages during the OJT period; and
* Providing outcome data (e.g., employment status, wages, hours per week) to the workforce boards in a manner that protects participants’ personal information.

Thank you for considering this important proposal for Connecticut’s Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics businesses, workers, and economy.

Sincerely,

Name, Title