



LETTER OF PARTICIPATION

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The National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE) is excited to have the opportunity to work with Howard Community College and the other consortium members under a Department of Labor (DOL) grant for which you are applying. The Partnership for Entrepreneurial Economic Recovery (PEER) Project is in accord with NACCE's mission and strategic goals, as well as our interest in the economic vitality of the nation.

Specifically, NACCE will participate in the PEER Project as provided in the DOL proposal as follows:

- Provide entrepreneurship training for PEER participants: including summer E-Train Workshops at Babson College; NACCE annual meeting workshop add-on sessions; and webcast training;
- Develop a National Certification for Entrepreneurship for colleges utilizing the PEER developed "Competency Collections" of learning objects and course modules;
- Identify a set of unique college best practice e-ship courses/programs and work with the colleges to add to the PEER best practice collection;
- Provide national marketing of the PEER project and the project materials, and serve as a national repository to assure availability and accessibility of the materials.

Finally, to further solidify and expand our organizational commitment under the DOL grant, I would be pleased if you would consider an appointment to the NACCE Board of Directors.

We believe our involvement in the PEER Project would have a positive impact on community college entrepreneurship nationally and envision this program as very important to the country's workforce development efforts. Entrepreneurship, intrapreneurship and innovation are key elements in furthering the capabilities of the nation's workforce of the future and keeping the US competitive in the world economy of the 21st century.

Sincerely,

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