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Brenda Ruggles, Grant Officer

The U.S. Department of Labor

Employment and Training Administration, Office of Grants Management

Reference FOA-ETA-09

200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N4716

Washington, DC 20210

Dear Ms. Ruggles,

(**Insert Organization Name**) supports the efforts of the Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA), Power & Communication Contractors Association (PCCA), PCCA-affiliated community colleges (State Technical College of Missouri, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, and Terra State Technical College in Ohio), and the Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program (TIRAP) to promote apprenticeships as a significant workforce solution. The apprenticeship model offers great promise to the entire Information & Communication Technology (ICT) industry.

WIA, PCCA, and TIRAP have made great strides in introducing Registered Apprenticeships to the industry. The apprenticeship model offers great promise to our company for recruitment and career development of our workforce. Apprenticeships can help meet the demands of 5G deployment, which will rely on a trained and competent workforce.

WIA, PCCA, and their educational partners continually work with companies like ours to support achieving TIRAP’s five strategic goals: (1) increasing employer uptake and placement of apprentices; (2) driving growth by creating new credentialed occupations; (3) establishing a labor pipeline to recruit under-represented and veteran populations into apprenticeship programs; (4) expanding the number of post-secondary educational institutions and training providers willing to offer apprentice training or pre-apprenticeship programs; and (5) working with government agencies to streamline the apprenticeship process and promoting their understanding of the telecommunications industry and its diverse workforce.

Based on this, our company is committed to work with WIA, PCCA, and TIRAP. If the **WIA/PCCA Partnership** is awarded a contract by the Department of Labor, we will register our program, create **X** apprenticeships, and provide apprentices with a best-in-class hybrid training program, incorporating online, in-classroom, and on-the-job experiences that will prepare them for long-term careers in the industry. We acknowledge the salary paid while the worker is in training may be counted as a cash match. Fringe benefits and other personnel benefits cannot be counted as a match.

We are committed to establishing a registered apprenticeship program in our company that will help us diversify our workforce, improve workforce safety and quality, and chart pathways for career progression among our employees.

Sincerely,

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