

## **Workforce Development Center**

March 2, 2006

Gary Becker, Mayor City of Racine 730 Washington Avenue Racine, WI 53403

RE: CNC Boot Camp Sponsorship

Dear Mayor Becker:

Thank you for your recent inquiry regarding pooling our resources to provide training opportunities to city and county residents in demand driven occupations. We invite the City of Racine to partner with us to sponsor the upcoming Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Boot Camp. The CNC "Boot Camp" is designed to fast-track intensive job training for CNC operators to fill existing demands for machine tool operators. The curriculum is a compressed version of the Machine Tool/CNC operator programs offered at Gateway Technical College on the Racine Campus. It was developed in partnership with area manufacturers, GTC staff and the Workforce Development Center.

The program launched in 2005 with outstanding deliverables. In 2005, thirty-six residents successfully completed the program. Thirty-one of the 36 have obtained employment (86%) and 30 are employed within the occupation (97%). Of the 31 who found employment, 27 are currently employed (90%). This short-term training initiative meets the needs of local employers who can't find the talent to fill their staffing needs as well as gainful employment for participants with an average wage of \$11.

A commitment of \$14,000 from the City of Racine will increase participation in the roll out of the fourth class from 10 to 17 participants. Our resources will support 10 residents (\$20,000) and your commitment will support an additional 7 residents (\$14,000). The registration fee is \$2,000 per participant, which includes course materials and handouts.

We look forward to collaborating with the city on this worthwhile job training program. Enclosed find additional literature regarding the CNC Boot Camp.

Feel free to contact me at 638-6620, if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Alice Y. Oliver Racine County Workforce Development Center Enclosures

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