



# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Office of Governor Mark Dayton

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July 1, 2014

Ms. Melissa Abdullah  
Grants Management Specialist  
United States Department of Labor  
Washington, DC 20210

Re: SGA/DFA PY 13-10

Dear Ms. Abdullah:

Please accept this letter of support for the Minnesota State Community and Technical College's grant application to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration for the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCT) grant, and its proposed Construction and Utilities (CU Succeed) program.

The CU Succeed program will provide trade adjustment assistance (TAA) to eligible workers and similar adults with career pathway opportunities in the construction and utilities industries. The program will increase the number of local workers who attain certificates, degrees, and other industry-recognized credentials, and prepare them for high-wage, high-skill employment or re-employment in construction and utilities (high-growth sectors in West Central Minnesota).

The CU Succeed program aligns with efforts in Minnesota by strengthening existing education and training programs; working to expand career pathway models; and ensuring the talents of unemployed and underemployed individuals are maximized.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the Minnesota State Community and Technical College's grant application further, please contact Dr. Carrie Brimhall, Interim CAO, Minnesota State Community and Technical College, 218-736-1504, or via email at [carrie.brimhall@minnesota.edu](mailto:carrie.brimhall@minnesota.edu).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Dayton  
Governor

cc: Dr. Carrie Brimhall, Interim CAO,  
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