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A PROPOSAL TO FORM A FORMAL COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SPOKANE AREA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

The primary goal of the Spokane Area Workforce Development Council (WDC) is to develop quality workers, quality jobs/opportunities, and a quality system. The primary goal of K-12 Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in our area high schools, which is a component of any community's workforce development system, is to prepare high school students to become quality workers in our community, and to be prepared to continue their education and training beyond high school. With this in mind, it seems only right that the WDC and CTE work together toward their common goals.

In order to accomplish the goal of developing quality workers and a quality system, the WDC needs to work collaboratively with area school districts to provide ongoing community leadership for area high school CTE programs. This kind of relationship has long been sought by the WDC, and our recent emphasis on community leadership in addition to WIA program administration makes this possible.

Area CTE administrators need the advice and guidance of community leaders to be effective as the leaders of career and technical education for their school districts. K-12 CTE in Spokane has a long history of utilizing a community General Advisory Council (GAC) to help local CTE leaders develop and maintain quality programs. In recent years, area school districts formed a consortium to share a common GAC, which has come to be known as the Spokane Area Professional-Technical Advisory Consortium (SAPTAC). Several members of the Spokane Area WDC have also served as members of SAPTAC.

In addition to providing guidance to area CTE leaders, the GAC also reviews and endorses member district Federal Carl Perkins grant applications. This is an entitlement grant to each district that requires a plan outlining how the district intends to use both State and Federal dollars to address the requirements and allowable activities of the Federal Carl Perkins Act.

It is our proposal that the Spokane Area WDC accept the responsibility to act as the general advisory council for CTE to these school districts: Central Valley, Cheney, Deer Park, East Valley, Freeman, Mead, Nine Mile Falls, Riverside, Spokane, West Valley, the Spokane Skills Center, and any district that may be accepted as a new member of this consortium.

It is our sincere hope that by creating this formal collaborative relationship our common goals will be realized as we work together rather than separately, and that we find new ways to work more effectively and efficiently together for the greater good of our community.

With great respect for your leadership in our community,

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On behalf of the SAPTAC consortium for Career and Technical Education