



State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

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COLUMBIA 29201

December 8, 2011

Ms. Debra Lyons
Vice President, Community & Economic Development
ACT, Inc. - Workforce Development Division
3455 Peachtree Road, Fifth Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30326

Dear Ms. Lyons,

I enthusiastically support South Carolina's application to participate in ACT's Certified Work Ready Communities Program.

Our education, economic development, and workforce development agencies are anxious to partner with the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance and with ACT in order to identify and close skills gaps among our workforce and to ensure that each South Carolina business that is ready to create a job can fill it quickly, and with a qualified candidate.

My administration is committed to creating and retaining high-quality jobs in South Carolina. Certifying our communities as being work-ready will send a strong message to the businesses and the talented professionals I'm working everyday to attract to our state that South Carolina is open for business.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

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Dear Ms. Lyons,

I am writing to express my commitment to participate in ACT's Certified Work Ready Communities Program on behalf of the Office of the Governor of South Carolina.

Since taking office in January, Governor Nikki Haley has been a tireless advocate for job creation and retention in South Carolina and for training programs that improve workers' skills and match candidates to postings in a rapid, cost-effective manner.

I look forward to working with ACT as we strive to improve interagency and intergovernmental collaboration in this arena so that we can provide better outcomes for our state's employers and workers. Thank you for considering our application.

Sincerely,

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Christian L. Soura
Deputy Chief of Staff for Budget and Policy