



Thomas J. Snyder

President

March 4, 2008

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United States Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: Applications of Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana
for Funding in Federal Fiscal Year 2009**

Dear Senator Lugar:

It is my privilege, on behalf of Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, to submit four (4) requests for your consideration for inclusion in the Federal Fiscal Year ("FFY") 2009 appropriations process. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to submit these requests.

Ivy Tech has carefully reviewed the job creation and placement needs of the State of Indiana and, recognizing its role as the primary engine of workforce development, has focused on those needs in specific parts of the State. In addition, in recognition of the critical need to expand and modernize the flagship campus at Indianapolis, both to accommodate its rapidly growing student population and to prepare a large percentage of the future Indiana workforce, Ivy Tech continues to seek assistance with that project. We feel it is important to inform you that we have submitted requests for these same projects, in the same amounts, to members of the Indiana House delegation that represents the district in which each project would reside.

Our requests are as follows, arranged in order of Congressional districts (this does not represent a prioritization of the requests):

**1. Center for Logistics, Distribution and Transportation
Northwest Indiana Region (Gary Campus)**

There is a tremendous need in Northwest Indiana, a hub in the logistics/distribution sector due to its strategic location, to train a workforce capable of working in the high-tech industries of logistics, distribution and transportation. Companies in these disciplines need workers with skills and knowledge in the areas of RFID; GIS; GPS; supply chain management; inventory management systems; web-based applications to manage the

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flow and storage of goods, services and information; and other similarly sophisticated capabilities. In order for companies to locate in the area, they need to know that the region has a workforce trained in these high-tech applications and prepared to meet the industry's advanced technical requirements. We propose to provide sophisticated training in this field to equip residents of the area with 21st Century skills to meet the needs of companies considering either locating or expanding in Northwest Indiana. Our proposal is supported by the Mayors of the Cities of Gary, East Chicago, Hammond, Portage and Valparaiso, all of whom signed the companion application we submitted to Congressman Visclosky on February 4. In addition, we have included with our application letters of support from the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission ("NIRPC"), the Regional Development Authority ("RDA"), and the Northwest Indiana Forum. All these entities are very supportive of our proposal and recognize the significant benefit it will provide to residents of the area and to economic development generally.

**2. Indianapolis Campus Expansion
Central Indiana Region**

The Central Indiana Regional Campus of Ivy Tech, located in the heart of Indianapolis at Meridian Street and Fall Creek Parkway, serves concurrently as the statewide headquarters and flagship campus of the College and thus as the public face of the institution statewide. A growing need to educate and train today's students and adult workers in the skills of the 21st Century workforce, coupled with dynamic growth of the student population (anticipated to grow from 15,000 in 2006 to 25,000 by 2015), means that the campus requires significant upgrading. There have been no capital improvements to this campus (originally built in 1931) since 1988. It currently encompasses only 315,886 square feet of space, but the recent acquisition of an additional 3.5 acres from the City of Indianapolis makes it possible to reconstruct a campus that will serve this rapidly-growing need. The project, in two phases, will involve significant upgrades to the existing infrastructure; two new academic buildings; and other complementary structures. While the State of Indiana has contributed \$45,000,000 to this project, and thanks to Senator Lugar's support approximately \$6,000,000 has been appropriated from the U.S. Department of Transportation over a five-year period to help construct a multi-modal facility on the property, still \$37,000,000 of the total \$88,000,000 project cost remains unfunded. The bulk of the unfunded portion will be used to add 75,000 square feet of classroom, laboratory and support space in a new academic building to be constructed.

**3. Advanced Manufacturing Center
Wabash Valley Region**

Within Indiana, Economic Growth Region 7 is experiencing a severe shortage of qualified manufacturing and industrial maintenance employees. A recent survey of area manufacturers found that virtually all companies experienced difficulty in hiring qualified employees and 75% expect the number of industrial maintenance employees needed at their facility to increase over the next five years. Manufacturing companies in the area

have determined that unless immediate action is taken, the vacancy rate of manufacturing positions will continue to escalate to the point of negatively impacting future production capacity. Ivy Tech proposes to collaborate with area manufacturers to create an Advanced Manufacturing Center to be housed in the College's new Center for Workforce Development located in the Vigo County Industrial Park. The Center will provide training for workers needed to support the area's advanced manufacturing sector. The curriculum will focus on computer integrated manufacturing, bringing together the College's Manufacturing, Industrial Maintenance, Electronics and Design programs that will produce graduates who possess the skills required by area manufacturers. In addition, the Center will offer short-term training programs to industry that will focus on enhancing the skill set of their existing workforce. The College has already invested over \$5,000,000 for building purchase, renovation and certain equipment; it is now seeking the final \$2,000,000 needed for additional equipment and for faculty salary and benefits.

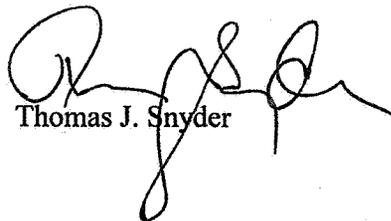
**4. Center for Mathematics and Science
Bloomington Region/Bloomington Campus**

Ivy Tech's Bloomington Region has undertaken significant expansion in life sciences over the past three years, as this region of the state has dedicated itself to being a research center for and employer of individuals educated in the life sciences, including nursing, biotechnology, radiation therapy, respiratory therapy, paramedic science, and health information technology. This growth and focus of life sciences in this region creates an increasing need for students to have a sound science and mathematics grounding as they enter into these programs. The Life Sciences Best Practices Task Force has reported that "Indiana is growing life sciences jobs at twice the national average. The state also ranks 10th in the nation for projected biopharmaceutical job increases in the next 10 years. But [in 2004], two out of three Indiana fifth graders failed the statewide assessment in science." The Bloomington Life Sciences Partnership ("BLSP"), a public-private partnership whose mission is to create opportunities for life sciences business formation, growth, and expansion in the Bloomington area, has expressed the need to attract more students to science/math education. BLSP suggested that Ivy Tech Bloomington develop an Associate Degree in Education to articulate with the Indiana University School of Education, enhancing the math and science foundations of prospective teachers and permitting them to receive credit toward a baccalaureate degree for Ivy Tech work. BLSP also challenged Ivy Tech to inspire K-12 students to enter into career opportunities in mathematics and the sciences. The College is seeking to respond to these two challenges in the formation of a Center for Mathematics and Science. With funding the College would reinforce our commitment to help our region's K-12 teachers produce quality high school students in science and mathematics and build our outreach activities for area high school students to encourage them to participate and excel in science and mathematics programs.

Senator, we are deeply grateful for the opportunity to be considered for funding for these very important initiatives. We encourage you to have your staff contact us if you are in need of any additional information regarding our submission.

Thank you again for your exemplary service to Indiana and the nation at large,
and for your strong support of Ivy Tech.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas J. Snyder', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name.

Thomas J. Snyder

Enclosures

FY 2009 APPROPRIATIONS Information Form
U.S. SENATOR RICHARD LUGAR

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PROJECT INFORMATION:

PROJECT NAME:

(Name of Road, Building, Project. Use the same name as you call it. If the City of Muncie calls it the Unity Community Center, don't write Muncie Community Center but write Unity Community City)

The Center for Logistics, Distribution and Transportation

NAME OF ORGANIZATION REQUESTING FUNDING:

(City, University, Non-Profit Entity, Etc.)

Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, Northwest Region (Gary Campus)

STREET ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION REQUESTING FUNDING:

1440 E. 35th Avenue

CITY: Gary

STATE: IN **ZIP:** 46409

COUNTY: Lake

NAME FOR LEAD PERSON IN REQUESTING ORGANIZATION:

(Mayor, Executive Director, President)

President Thomas J. Snyder
Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana

Contact: Jeffrey A. Terp, Vice President for Engagement (contact info below)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

(no more than 2 paragraph description of the project and use complete sentences)

The Center for Logistics, Distribution and Transportation, located on the Ivy Tech Gary campus, will provide training capacity in Northwest Indiana for a strongly emerging industry in this important transportation hub. It will promote a technical workforce that will help attract and retain business in Northwest Indiana by training a logistics workforce capable of working in high-tech distribution, utilizing RFID, GIS, GPS, supply chain management processes and other cutting-edge inventory management systems.

There is a tremendous need in Northwest Indiana to train a workforce capable of working in the high-tech industries of logistics, distribution and transportation. Companies in

these disciplines need workers with skills and knowledge in the above areas and other similarly sophisticated capabilities. In order for companies to locate in the area, they need to know that the region has a workforce trained in these high-tech applications and prepared to meet the industry's advanced technical requirements. The Center will provide this training for both traditional post-secondary students and members of the incumbent workforce who require skill set upgrades to compete for today's jobs in the industry.

SPECIFIC USE FOR REQUESTED FUNDS:

(Use complete sentences to describe how the money will be spent and what the money will be spent on)

The funds will be spent on office costs, including lease, equipment (including classroom computers) and supplies (\$550,000); curriculum development (\$351,000); salaries and instruction costs, including a Center Director and three (3) program staff, faculty and support staff (\$520,000); as well as minor expenditures for travel and other miscellaneous costs. A detailed budget is available.

PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

(This language could be printed in the bill, next to your project. Write no more than 4 sentences answering what the funding will be used for):

Jobs are sorely needed in Northwest Indiana, but job creation is hampered by the lack of a fully-trained workforce. The funding will be used to prepare today's students and incumbent workforce to compete in the 21st Century workforce in the sophisticated field of logistics, distribution and transportation. They will learn high-tech skills qualifying them for good-paying jobs in this highly technical field. The residents of this particular area of the state stand to benefit most by such training, as Northwest Indiana is a transportation, logistics and distribution hub with proximity to the air, rail, highway and waterway corridors flowing through the area and the neighboring Chicago metropolitan area.

STATUS OF PROJECT DESCRIBED IN THIS APPLICATION:

New project.

FUNDING INFORMATION:

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM SENATOR LUGAR: \$1,448,326

AMOUNTS REQUESTED FROM OTHER INDIANA DELEGATION OFFICES:

Senator Bayh: \$1,448,326

Congressman Visclosky: \$1,448,326

Congressman Donnelly: 0
Congressman Souder: 0
Congresswoman Buyer: 0
Congressman Burton: 0
Congressman Pence: 0
Congressman Ellsworth: 0
Congressman Hill: 0
Congressman to be Named for 7th District: 0

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF PROGRAM: \$1,999,915

NON-FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:
(City - \$100, State - \$200)

State - \$551,589

Is Your Project included in the PRESIDENT'S FY09 BUDGET REQUEST?:

No.

WHICH APPROPRIATIONS BILL ARE YOU SEEKING FUNDING?

(Bold One Choice. If you are seeking funding for the same project from two different accounts/bills, you must submit two different forms)

Agriculture	Commerce-Justice-Science	Energy & Water
Financial Services	Interior	Labor Health & Human Services
Transportation – HUD		

WHAT FEDERAL FUNDING ENTITY AND ACCOUNT NAME?

(Please provide Department, Agency, Program, Account)

Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration: Training/Employment Services Account.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

(Please provide information such as relevant authorizing legislation, projects, etc):

n/a

FEDERAL FUNDING HISTORY

(Please indicate type of funding and/or authorization amount by fiscal year):

- Previous Appropriations
- Federal Grants

o Authorized Funding Levels

FY08: 0

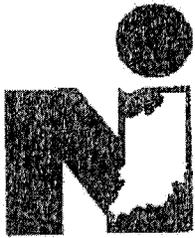
FY06: 0

FY07: 0

FY05: 0

IF YOU RECEIVED FEDERAL FUNDING IN PRIOR YEARS, HAS THAT MONEY BEEN SPENT AND HOW MUCH HAS BEEN SPENT?

n/a



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February 25, 2008

Bill Thon
Ivy Tech Community College
1440 E. 35th Avenue
Gary, IN. 46409

Dear Mr. Thon:

As the Executive Director of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission I want you to know that we strongly endorse the creation of the Indiana Transportation and Logistics Council.

As the Metropolitan Policy Council for Northwest Indiana, NIRPC works in many areas which include transportation, environment, and economic development. Many people throughout northwest Indiana anticipate a great future and want to remain in the area.

The Council can be a mechanism for NIRPC, as well as many other agencies, elected officials, and individuals, to address the gap between economic development and workforce issues. This effort will allow our region to continue moving forward... from where we are to where we need to be in the future.

The Transportation and Logistics Council will help meet these needs, now and in the future.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

John A. Swanson, Executive Director

Northwest Indiana
RDA
Regional Development Authority

Transforming our economy to robust world class status

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Dear Bill:

The Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority strongly endorses the creation of the Indiana Transportation and Logistics Council.

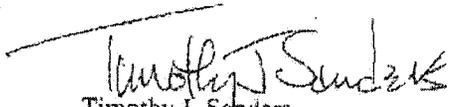
The RDA has ambitious goals for Northwest Indiana. Beginning with our vision, *to transform our economy to robust world class status*, the RDA works in many areas of development. Most significantly, the RDA is involved in transportation infrastructure. It is well known that the workforce that will fill the jobs created in the next few years needs much improvement. Many people in northwest Indiana are prepared to engage in that work.

The Council will serve as a mechanism for us to address the gap between economic development and workforce issues. In short, this effort will allow us to move from where we are to where we need to be in the decades ahead.

Anticipating the changing workforce needs of employers is important work. The Transportation and Logistics Council will help meet that need, now and in the future.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Timothy J. Sanders
Executive Director
Regional Development Authority



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February 25, 2008

Bill Thon
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Dear Bill:

The Northwest Indiana Forum strongly advocates and endorses the creation of the Indiana Transportation, Distribution and Logistics Council.

As the regional economic development organization, the Forum is focused on bringing advanced logistics and manufacturing businesses to northwest Indiana. Northwest Indiana's strategic location and physical attributes attract interest from around the world. This industry is one of Forum's key targets to positively impact regional growth, increase broad-based wealth, and promote the development, creation and retention of quality jobs.

A Council dedicated to the industry, committed to planning and improving infrastructure, and focused on a specialized workforce would further the Forum's ability to package northwest Indiana as an ideal location to establish, expand or relocate a transportation, distribution or logistics organization.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Vincent Galbiati
President and CEO
Northwest Indiana Forum

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Indianapolis Campus Expansion

NAME OF ORGANIZATION REQUESTING FUNDING:

(City, University, Non-Profit Entity, Etc.)

Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, Central Indiana Region/Indianapolis Campus

STREET ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION REQUESTING FUNDING:

50 West Fall Creek Parkway, N. Drive

CITY: Indianapolis

STATE: IN **ZIP:** 46208

COUNTY: Marion

NAME FOR LEAD PERSON IN REQUESTING ORGANIZATION:

(Mayor, Executive Director, President)

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Indianapolis makes it possible to reconstruct a campus that will serve this growing need. The project, in two phases, will involve significant upgrades to the existing infrastructure; two new academic buildings; and other complementary structures. \$45,000,000 has already been funded by the State of Indiana; and approximately \$6,000,000 has been funded by federal appropriations through the U.S. Department of Transportation. However, a \$37,000,000 funding gap still exists.

SPECIFIC USE FOR REQUESTED FUNDS:

(Use complete sentences to describe how the money will be spent and what the money will be spent on)

The two phases will include the following:

Phase I, totaling \$45 million, has been funded by State appropriations and will include an academic building (76,000 square feet of new classrooms, laboratories and support space); infrastructure upgrades to boilers, mechanical, plumbing, electrical and technology systems. Phase I will also include the cost of site development and add a student center (18,000 square feet) to connect the two existing buildings on the campus and enhance the campus environment (a key factor in retaining students until they earn their degree).

Phase II, totaling \$43 million, will include an additional academic building with 75,000 square feet of additional classrooms, laboratories and support space. In addition, Phase II will include the construction of a multimodal facility, linking the campus to the city-wide public transportation system, as well as providing parking not only for Ivy Tech students but also for the public. The linkage to the bus system is critical for the many Ivy Tech students who do not have access to automobile transportation.

The buildings and parking will also be made available for use by community organizations in the neighborhood at times that do not interfere with classes.

PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

(This language could be printed in the bill, next to your project. Write no more than 4 sentences answering what the funding will be used for):

The project will enable residents of Central Indianapolis, many of whom could not obtain post-secondary education otherwise, to master the skills they need to compete in the 21st Century workforce. By making education and workforce training accessible to this population, Ivy Tech will help to fuel the Central Indiana economy, making it easier for public officials to induce companies to locate and/or expand in the area. This will in turn bring a significant number of good-paying jobs to Indianapolis and center-city residents. Further, the facilities at the renovated and expanded campus will be available not only for classroom work but also for public meetings, which will enhance the quality of life in this center-city area.

STATUS OF PROJECT DESCRIBED IN THIS APPLICATION:

New project.

FUNDING INFORMATION:

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM SENATOR LUGAR: \$37,000,000

AMOUNTS REQUESTED FROM OTHER INDIANA DELEGATION OFFICES:

Senator Bayh:	\$37,000,000
Congressman Visclosky:	0
Congressman Donnelly:	0
Congressman Souder:	0
Congresswoman Buyer:	0
Congressman Burton:	0
Congressman Pence:	0
Congressman Ellsworth:	0
Congressman Hill:	0
Congressman to be Named for 7 th District:	\$37,000,000

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF PROGRAM: \$88,000,000

NON-FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

(City - \$100, State - \$200)

State - \$45,000,000

Is Your Project included in the PRESIDENT'S FY09 BUDGET REQUEST?:

No.

WHICH APPROPRIATIONS BILL ARE YOU SEEKING FUNDING?

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WHAT FEDERAL FUNDING ENTITY AND ACCOUNT NAME?

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Department of Housing and Urban Development/Community Planning and Development:
Economic Development Initiative account

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

(Please provide information such as relevant authorizing legislation, projects, etc):

Authorizing legislation for FY 2006-2009 funding for multimodal facility: SAFETEA-LU bill.

FEDERAL FUNDING HISTORY

(Please indicate type of funding and/or authorization amount by fiscal year):

- o Previous Appropriations
- o Federal Grants
- o Authorized Funding Levels

FY08: \$1,336,800 (appropriated) **FY06:** \$1,570,536 (appropriated)

FY07: \$1,203,200 (appropriated) **FY05:** \$485,888 (appropriated)

IF YOU RECEIVED FEDERAL FUNDING IN PRIOR YEARS, HAS THAT MONEY BEEN SPENT AND HOW MUCH HAS BEEN SPENT?

The funds have not yet been spent due to time expended in property acquisition and related delays. A multi-year grant application is being filed to obligate and subsequently expend the FY 2005 and 2006 funds, as well as the FY 2007 funds.

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Advanced Manufacturing Center

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Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, Wabash Valley Region

STREET ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION REQUESTING FUNDING:

8000 South Education Drive

CITY: Terre Haute

STATE: IN **ZIP:** 47802

COUNTY: Vigo

NAME FOR LEAD PERSON IN REQUESTING ORGANIZATION:

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Ivy Tech proposes to collaborate with area manufacturers to create an Advanced Manufacturing Center to be housed in the College's new Center for Workforce Development located in the Vigo County Industrial Park. The Center will provide training for workers needed to support the area's advanced manufacturing sector. The curriculum will focus on computer integrated manufacturing, bringing together the College's Manufacturing, Industrial Maintenance, Electronics and Design programs that will produce graduates who possess the skills required by area manufacturers. In addition, the Center will offer short-term training programs to industry that will focus on enhancing the skill set of their existing workforce.

The College has already invested over \$5,000,000 in the Advanced Manufacturing Center for building purchase, renovation and certain equipment, but is requesting additional funds to assist in securing equipment and faculty to address the significant training and education needs identified by the manufacturing companies of Indiana Economic Growth Region 7.

SPECIFIC USE FOR REQUESTED FUNDS:

(Use complete sentences to describe how the money will be spent and what the money will be spent on)

The requested Federal appropriation will be used for faculty salaries and benefits (\$225,000) and additional equipment (\$1,725,000) not already purchased through the College's direct investment.

PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

(This language could be printed in the bill, next to your project. Write no more than 4 sentences answering what the funding will be used for):

Indiana is heavily dependent on the manufacturing industry, but the skills needed by workers in that industry are much more sophisticated than in prior years. Indiana manufacturing companies need workers with 21st Century skills, and residents need improved skills to obtain today's jobs. Ivy Tech will help meet both needs by providing training for the thousands of workers needed to support the area's advanced manufacturing requirements.

STATUS OF PROJECT DESCRIBED IN THIS APPLICATION:

New project.

FUNDING INFORMATION:

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM SENATOR LUGAR: \$2,000,000

AMOUNTS REQUESTED FROM OTHER INDIANA DELEGATION OFFICES:

Senator Bayh:	\$2,000,000
Congressman Visclosky:	0
Congressman Donnelly:	0
Congressman Souder:	0
Congresswoman Buyer:	0
Congressman Burton:	0

Congressman Pence: 0
Congressman Ellsworth: \$2,000,000
Congressman Hill: 0
Congressman to be Named for 7th District: 0

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF PROGRAM: \$7,225,000

NON-FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:
(City - \$100, State - \$200)

State - \$5,225,000

Is Your Project included in the PRESIDENT'S FY09 BUDGET REQUEST?:

No.

WHICH APPROPRIATIONS BILL ARE YOU SEEKING FUNDING?

(Bold One Choice. If you are seeking funding for the same project from two different accounts/bills, you must submit two different forms)

Agriculture	Commerce-Justice-Science	Energy & Water
Financial Services	Interior	Labor Health & Human Services
Transportation – HUD		

WHAT FEDERAL FUNDING ENTITY AND ACCOUNT NAME?

(Please provide Department, Agency, Program, Account)

Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration: Training/Employment Services Account.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

(Please provide information such as relevant authorizing legislation, projects, etc):

n/a

FEDERAL FUNDING HISTORY

(Please indicate type of funding and/or authorization amount by fiscal year):

- Previous Appropriations
- Federal Grants
- Authorized Funding Levels

FY08: 0

FY07: 0

FY06: 0

FY05: 0

IF YOU RECEIVED FEDERAL FUNDING IN PRIOR YEARS, HAS THAT MONEY BEEN SPENT AND HOW MUCH HAS BEEN SPENT?

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February 11, 2008

The Honorable Brad Ellsworth
United States House of Representatives
513 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-1408

RE: Advanced Manufacturing Center

Dear Representative Ellsworth,

Indiana manufacturing companies need workers with 21st-Century skills. This is certainly true of Applied Extrusion Technologies, Inc. We recently announced a \$9,000,000 project to move new products and facilities to our Terre Haute Site. This is the result of a redesign of our North American business platform and strategic planning for growth options. This initiative results in the increase of 60 Site jobs.

Ivy Tech Community College helps us meet our skill needs by providing training for today's advanced manufacturing requirements. There is an Ivy Tech project to create an Advanced Manufacturing Center to be housed in the College's new Center for Workforce Development located in the Vigo County Industrial Park. Representatives of the College and Ivy Tech Foundation have recently purchased this facility and are in the process of renovating space for the new Advanced Manufacturing Center. The College has already invested heavily in the Advanced Manufacturing Center, but is requesting additional funds to assist in securing equipment and faculty to address the training and education needs as identified by the manufacturing companies of Economic Growth Region 7.

Within this region there is a severe shortage of qualified manufacturing and maintenance employees. Along with other Manufacturing companies in the area, we have determined that unless immediate action is taken to remedy the situation, the vacancy rate of manufacturing positions will continue to escalate to the point of negatively impacting future production capacity. In response to this concern, Ivy Tech Community College – Wabash Valley is establishing the Advanced Manufacturing Center.

The College has already invested a considerable amount, exceeding the proposed appropriation amount, in the acquisition and initial renovation of the facility. Please support the \$2,000,000 project request (total project is \$7,225,000) within the Labor/HHS/Education bill, Employment and Training Administration account for the Advanced Manufacturing Center project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ken Baker'.

Ken Baker
AET, Inc.
Corporate Director of Human Resources



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Terre Haute, Indiana 47803

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February 25, 2008

The Honorable Brad Ellsworth
United States House of Representatives
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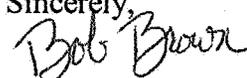
Dear Representative Ellsworth,

There is an Ivy Tech project that the Wabash Valley Advanced Manufacturing Cluster and Tri Aerospace support and I would like to bring your attention to it. Ivy Tech Community College of Terre Haute has invested in a new location at the Vigo County Industrial Park to provide high quality, cost-effective higher education and job training.

Together we have an exciting opportunity to meet a critical need of the manufacturing and automotive industries in this region. The vision for the Center for Workforce Development (CWD) at Ivy Tech Community College is to create an advanced manufacturing and automotive training center which will feature state of the art equipment, labs, and creative teaching space.

Ivy Tech requires substantial additional resources to continue its crucial role in workforce training and economic development. Although the acquisition and most of the remodeling and construction at the former Brentlinger building is complete and the community has provided additional funding resources through the *Changing Lives...for Tomorrow's Workforce* capital campaign which I co-chair with Mark Fuson, offering our community a state-of-the-art educational complex needs your support.

The College has already invested a considerable amount, exceeding the proposed appropriation amount, in the acquisition and initial renovation of the facility. Please support the \$2,000,000 project request (total project is \$7,225,000) within the Labor/HHS/Education bill, Employment and Training Administration account for the Advanced Manufacturing and Automotive Training Center project.

Sincerely,


Robert Brown
President & CEO

WABASH VALLEY ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CLUSTER

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February 25, 2008

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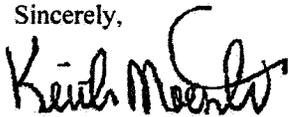
The Wabash Valley Advanced Manufacturing Cluster strongly supports the Ivy Tech Community College request for funding to assist in securing equipment and faculty to address the training and education needs of manufacturing companies in Indiana Economic Growth Region 7. Today, the twenty-five member companies of the Wabash Valley Advanced Manufacturing Cluster (see attachment) find it necessary to compete less on cost and more on productivity, flexibility, quality and responsiveness to customer needs. A fully equipped and staffed Ivy Tech Community College Advanced Manufacturing Center is critical to our access to training programs that will effectively train the emerging workforce, and continually upgrade the skills of our current workforce, which in turn will allow us to maintain a competitive edge in the global marketplace.

Currently, local manufacturers throughout the Wabash Valley are experiencing a severe shortage of qualified manufacturing and maintenance workers. Unless action is taken immediately to address these shortages, the very real impact on business will be a loss of production capacity. As manufacturers, we are working aggressively to address this issue. A number of us have been actively involved in the capital campaign to raise funds for the new Ivy Tech Advanced Manufacturing Center, committing both time and money, but more is needed. It is for this reason that we are asking for your support of the \$2,000,000 project request within the Labor/HHS/Education bill, Employment and Training Administration account for the Advanced Manufacturing Center project.

The Wabash Valley Advanced Manufacturing Cluster believes that it is imperative the Wabash Valley continues to invest in the development of Hoosier workers. Ivy Tech is uniquely qualified to meet this need.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration in the matter.

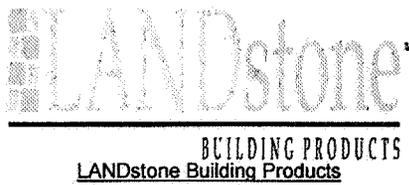
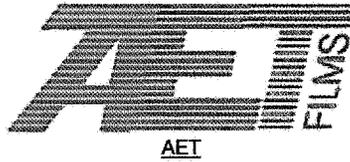
Sincerely,



Keith Moenter
Vice-President
Wabash Valley Advanced Manufacturing Cluster

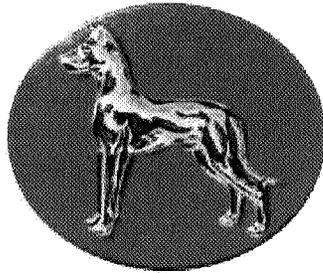


Wabash Valley Advanced Manufacturing Cluster Member Companies



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630 WABASH AVENUE,

February 25, 2008

The Honorable Brad Ellsworth
United States House of Representatives
513 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-1408

Dear Representative Ellsworth,

SUITE 205

Ivy Tech Community College helps our State meet workforce needs and is an integral part of my organization's key initiatives. There is an Ivy Tech project in the Wabash Valley I would like to bring your attention to and acknowledge the Workforce Network's support to complete. The Workforce Network along with the Wabash Valley Advanced Manufacturing Cluster has collaborated with Ivy Tech Community College to identify workforce shortfalls in the community our region serves. Ivy Tech is responding to this shortage by completing an Advanced Manufacturing Center to be housed in the College's new Center for Workforce Development located in the Vigo County Industrial Park.

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PHONE:(812)238-5616

The Workforce Network Board of Directors believe that it is imperative that the Wabash Valley and our manufacturing community continue to invest in the development of our workforce. Ivy Tech is uniquely qualified to fill this need for the following reasons:

1. They have proven to be true partners with employers, students, and educators in the development of offerings that create win-win-win deliverables;
2. They offer an affordable education; providing opportunities to people who might not otherwise be able to improve their skills;
3. They reach out to those that may need to proceed slowly and build confidence before jumping into a four-year commitment. They also reach people who are not interested in a four-year degree, but recognize their need to improve their skills and earning potential.

FAX:(812)238-2466

The Workforce Network Board of Directors whole-heartedly support the Center for Workforce Development as I believe it will have a major impact on reaching a significant portion of our workforce; helping to build a pipeline of qualified, higher-skilled, employable workers. Workforce development is a critical component to the future of the Wabash Valley and advanced manufacturing companies.

www.456jobs.com

Within this region there is a severe shortage of qualified manufacturing and maintenance employees. Along with the Wabash Valley Advanced Manufacturing Cluster, we have determined that unless immediate action is taken, the vacancy rate of manufacturing positions will continue to escalate to the point of negatively impacting future production capacity.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence J. Tempel". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lawrence J. Tempel
President
Workforce Network, Inc.

FY 2009 APPROPRIATIONS Information Form
U.S. SENATOR RICHARD LUGAR

Directions:

Please complete this form and submit via EMAIL ONLY to amy_oberhelman@lugar.senate.gov no later than Friday, March 7. This is Senator Lugar's internal form and an additional form will need to be completed for each request for the various appropriations subcommittee. That form will be forthcoming at a later date to be determined. You must complete both forms in order to be considered. Complete one form for each request. If this is a Military Construction or Department of Defense request please use a specific "Defense Appropriations Information Form" available by contacting Military Legislative Assistant, keri_maloney@lugar.senate.gov

PROJECT INFORMATION:

PROJECT NAME:

(Name of Road, Building, Project. Use the same name as you call it. If the City of Muncie calls it the Unity Community Center, don't write Muncie Community Center but write Unity Community City)

Center for Mathematics and Science

NAME OF ORGANIZATION REQUESTING FUNDING:

(City, University, Non-Profit Entity, Etc.)

Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, Bloomington Region/Bloomington Campus

STREET ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION REQUESTING FUNDING:

200 Daniels Way

CITY: Bloomington

STATE: IN **ZIP:** 47404

COUNTY: Monroe

NAME FOR LEAD PERSON IN REQUESTING ORGANIZATION:

(Mayor, Executive Director, President)

President Thomas J. Snyder
Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana

Contact: Jeffrey A. Terp, Vice President for Engagement (contact info below)

PHONE FOR LEAD PERSON (Office and Mobile):

(ofc) 317-921-4225
(cell) 317-697-6900

CONTACT E-MAIL FOR LEAD PERSON: jterp@ivytech.edu

LIST ANY FEDERAL LOBBYIST REGISTERED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PROJECT (If applicable. Please include name of lobbyist, firm, street address, email and work and mobile phone numbers)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

(no more than 2 paragraph description of the project and use complete sentences)

Ivy Tech Community College, Bloomington has undertaken significant expansion in life sciences over the past three years, as this region of the state has dedicated itself to being a research center for and employer of individuals educated in the life sciences, including nursing, biotechnology, radiation therapy, respiratory therapy, paramedic science, and health information technology. This growth and focus of life sciences in the region creates an increasing need for our students to have a sound science and mathematics grounding as they enter into these programs.

The Life Sciences Best Practices Task Force has reported that “Indiana is growing life sciences jobs at twice the national average. The state also ranks 10th in the nation for projected biopharmaceutical job increases in the next 10 years. But [in 2004], two out of three Indiana fifth graders failed the statewide assessment in science.” The Bloomington Life Sciences Partnership (BLSP), a public-private partnership whose mission is to create opportunities for life sciences business formation, growth, and expansion in the Bloomington area, has expressed the need to attract more students to science/math education. BLSP suggested that Ivy Tech Bloomington develop an Associate Degree in Education to articulate with the Indiana University School of Education enhancing the math and science foundations of prospective teachers, permitting them to receive credit toward a baccalaureate degree for Ivy Tech work. BLSP also challenged Ivy Tech to inspire K-12 students to enter into career opportunities in mathematics and the sciences. The College is seeking to respond to these two challenges in the formation of a Center for Mathematics and Science. With funding the College would reinforce our commitment to help our region’s K-12 teachers produce quality high school students in science and mathematics and build our outreach activities for area high school students to encourage them to participate and excel in science and mathematics programs. The Center for Mathematics and Science will (1) develop an Associate Degree in Education to articulate with Indiana University to produce more math and science teachers and (2) build outreach activities to area high school students to encourage them to participate and excel in science and mathematics programs.

SPECIFIC USE FOR REQUESTED FUNDS:

(Use complete sentences to describe how the money will be spent and what the money will be spent on)

Appropriated funds will be used for laboratory equipment, supplies, faculty training, library resources and curriculum development. Specifically, we have developed a budget of \$1,760,000 for laboratory equipment; \$500,000 for supplies; \$250,000 for library resources; \$196,000 for curriculum development; \$39,000 for facility training; and \$64,000 for scholarships.

PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

(This language could be printed in the bill, next to your project. Write no more than 4 sentences answering what the funding will be used for):

There is growing national need for mathematics and science education to equip our graduates for the jobs of today and tomorrow: the life sciences is a rapidly growing industry sector throughout the country but especially in Indiana, which is growing life sciences jobs at twice the national average. However, two out of three Indiana fifth graders failed the statewide assessment in science in 2004. It is essential that adults be attracted to teaching in these critical areas and that schools encourage students to excel in mathematics and science: that is what the Center will focus on.

STATUS OF PROJECT DESCRIBED IN THIS APPLICATION:

New project.

FUNDING INFORMATION:

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM SENATOR LUGAR: \$2,000,000

AMOUNTS REQUESTED FROM OTHER INDIANA DELEGATION OFFICES:

Senator Bayh:	\$2,000,000
Congressman Visclosky:	0
Congressman Donnelly:	0
Congressman Souder:	0
Congresswoman Buyer:	0
Congressman Burton:	0
Congressman Pence:	0
Congressman Ellsworth:	0
Congressman Hill:	\$2,000,000
Congressman to be Named for 7 th District:	0

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF PROGRAM: \$2,700,000

NON-FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

(City - \$100, State - \$200)

State - \$700,000

Is Your Project included in the PRESIDENT’S FY09 BUDGET REQUEST?:

No.

WHICH APPROPRIATIONS BILL ARE YOU SEEKING FUNDING?

(Bold One Choice. If you are seeking funding for the same project from two different accounts/bills, you must submit two different forms)

Agriculture	Commerce-Justice-Science	Energy & Water
Financial Services	Interior	Labor Health & Human Services
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WHAT FEDERAL FUNDING ENTITY AND ACCOUNT NAME?

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Department of Education, Higher Education: Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

(Please provide information such as relevant authorizing legislation, projects, etc):

n/a

FEDERAL FUNDING HISTORY

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IF YOU RECEIVED FEDERAL FUNDING IN PRIOR YEARS, HAS THAT MONEY BEEN SPENT AND HOW MUCH HAS BEEN SPENT?

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Bloomington Economic Development Corporation

400 W. 7th St, Suite 101
Bloomington, IN 47404
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Web Site: comparebloomington.org

March 3, 2008

Congressman Baron Hill
223 Canon House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hill:

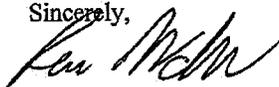
I am writing to support congressional funding for the creation of a Center for Mathematics and Science at Ivy Tech Community College – Bloomington. Focusing on mathematics and science education is critical to the development of our regional economy, and Ivy Tech occupies a crucial role in the training of local teachers and students. The establishment of a Center for Mathematics and Science will assist our area as it attempts to compete nationally for jobs that have a science, technology, engineering and mathematics focus.

Our region continues to witness an economic change from heavy manufacturing to a knowledge industry based in the growth of biotechnology firms. Economic development initiatives at the state and local level have resulted in the establishment of a life sciences corridor in south central Indiana with companies such as Cook, Cook Pharmica, Boston Scientific, BioConvergence, Baxter and other life science companies becoming the region's largest employers. Each of these companies is invested in our local community, and all of them plan to add workers in the coming year. As I have worked with these companies, each has consistently cited the need for our local education systems to produce graduates with the necessary training and skills to function in a knowledge economy. Mathematics and science are routinely two of the most critical subject areas in which these potential employers note a need for improvement.

The Bloomington Economic Development Corporation has for years been a full partner with Ivy Tech Community College in the development of our local economy. The College has engaged in assisting local partners to make the transition to an economy primarily based in the life sciences, and has added programs, facilities, and staff where necessary to meet these community needs. Additional funding for a Center for Mathematics and Science will be a further extension of Ivy Tech's role in our transitional economy, and one which I know will produce results for our area.

Ivy Tech – Bloomington is a tremendous asset for south central Indiana, and their work to date has greatly benefited our economic development efforts. The Bloomington Economic Development Corporation supports additional funding for Ivy Tech's initiatives to improve mathematics and science education, and I urge your support in Washington for this request.

Sincerely,



Ron Walker
President
Bloomington Economic Development Corporation



**MARK KRUZAN
MAYOR**

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

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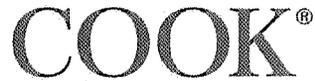
I am writing to support funding for the creation of a Center for Mathematics and Science at Ivy Tech Community College – Bloomington. The Center's establishment would enable the College and our community to respond to a growing educational need, and would give the College the funding needed to support efforts to guide students into math and science careers.

Ivy Tech – Bloomington has played an important role in the development of the area's life sciences workforce for many years. The College is engaged in partnerships with life sciences employers, school districts and government to build a workforce with the necessary math and science training to meet local needs. Ivy Tech recently added several life sciences related degrees and course offerings, and in partnership with local stakeholders is building the Indiana Center for the Life Sciences to provide a training location for this workforce. As you know, our region has a number of important life sciences employers including Baxter Pharmaceutical, Cook Group, Cook Pharmica, BioConvergence, Boston Scientific and others. Collectively, these employers are on track to add thousands of jobs over the next five years. These new jobs are all the more crucial given the likely closing of Bloomington's GE plant, as well as other manufacturing losses throughout south central Indiana.

The importance we place on math and science education now will determine our regional economic success for years to come. Funding for the Center for Mathematics and Science is an essential component of our regional strategy to become a nationwide hub for the life sciences industry. Already, Indiana is growing life sciences jobs at twice the national average, and the ability to fill these positions locally will depend on the quality of math and science education in which secondary schools are able to engage. Ivy Tech – Bloomington can help in this regard, and I urge you to support additional monies for this purpose.

Sincerely,

Mark Kruzan
Mayor
City of Bloomington



Cook Group Incorporated
750 Daniels Way, P.O. Box 1608
Bloomington, IN 47402-1608 U.S.A.

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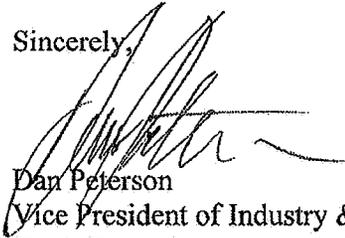
Enhancing mathematics and science education is essential to the development of our students, the economy of our region, and our nation's ability to compete in a global marketplace. Regionally, Ivy Tech Community College – Bloomington is a leader in math and science education, and I support their request to create a Center for Mathematics and Science. It is my hope that you will support this request, and that you will do your best to provide the College with congressional funding for this Center.

Jobs in the knowledge industry require current and potential employees to move from a passive application of their education to a more active application of their education in areas that include mathematics and the sciences. As new businesses, products, services, and industrial processes emerge, our K-12 partners and our workforce must adjust rapidly to new demands in order to remain competitive. The jobs of the 21st century not only demand fundamental skills in reading and writing, but also require individuals with critical thinking skills, mathematical reasoning, and scientific abilities.

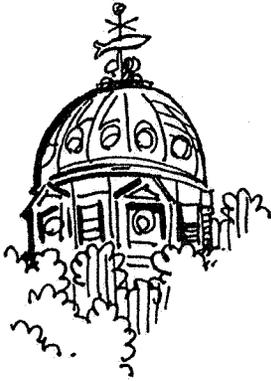
As a community college, Ivy Tech – Bloomington is part of a critical community partnership that is engaged in trying to transition our schools from traditional educational delivery to schools that can meet the needs of a globally competitive economy. A concentration on mathematics and science is central to this transition, and the development of a Center to focus on teacher training and student knowledge in these areas will benefit the schools, local employers and the economy as a whole. In addition, we must do more to interest students in mathematics and science careers, and Ivy Tech – Bloomington can play an important part in motivating students by providing quality training to both teachers and students in our secondary systems.

I am very confident that this project, if funded, will contribute to and benefit the economic vitality of our region, our K-12 partners and their students, as well as industry partners such as Cook, Inc. Ivy Tech – Bloomington is a tremendous resource for the residents of our community, as well as for area employers, and funding for the Center for Mathematics and Science (as well as for Ivy Tech Community College) is a critical investment to the economic well-being of our community. I would appreciate your support of this project.

Sincerely,



Dan Peterson
Vice President of Industry & Government Affairs
Cook Group Incorporated
&
Chairman
Bloomington Life Sciences Partnership Advisory Committee



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Iris F. Kiesling, Vice President

Joyce B. Polling, Member

March 3, 2008

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Dear Congressman Hill:

It is a pleasure to write this letter in support of a request for funding for the creation of a Center for Mathematics and Science at Ivy Tech Community College – Bloomington. There is a growing need for mathematics and science education to equip workers for the jobs of the future, and no where is that more true than in the Bloomington community. With the loss of manufacturing positions at GE, Otis Elevator, Visteon, Harman-Becker, and other companies in our area, training in math and science is critical to workforce preparation. Ivy Tech – Bloomington has consistently demonstrated that they play a vital role in the development of our local workforce, and funding must be provided to the College so they can continue to assist us in the rebuilding of our local economy.

Ivy Tech Community College - Bloomington has undertaken significant recent expansion in mathematics and science education to meet the needs of the community. Building on successful health programs such as nursing, the College has added programs in biotechnology, radiation therapy, respiratory therapy, paramedic science, and health information technology to meet employer needs. In addition, the College has engaged in workforce development activities through its HIRE (Help in Reaching Employment) program to assist potential employees in obtaining the skills for which local life science employers are searching. Moreover, Monroe County government has been a proud partner with Ivy Tech in the creation of the Indiana Center for the Life Sciences, a facility dedicated to training our life sciences workforce.

Mathematics and science education are critical to the success of students in secondary education, and we must invest more dollars in such education if our schools are going to produce students prepared for the economy of the 21st century. In addition, we must do more to interest students in mathematics and science careers, and Ivy Tech – Bloomington can play an important part in motivating students by providing quality training to both teachers and students in our secondary systems.

Ivy Tech – Bloomington is a tremendous resource for the residents of our community, as well as for area employers, and funding for the Center for Mathematics and Science (as well as for Ivy Tech Community College) is a critical investment to the economic well-being of our community. I would appreciate your support of this project, as I know it will pay dividends for our citizens.

Sincerely,

Iris Kiesling, Vice President
Monroe County Commissioners