



February 22, 2010

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

Re: **North Central Indiana: Enhanced A.A.S. in Advanced  
Manufacturing**

Dear Senator Lugar:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a request from Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana for funding in Fiscal Year 2011. On behalf of our North Central Indiana campus, located at South Bend, we are requesting a total of \$950,000 out of a total project cost of \$1,910,000. The remainder of the project cost will be funded with local and state dollars. The equipment purchases we seek will significantly enhance our ability to train both traditional students and those who have returned to school for retraining for the jobs of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, in particular in the growing orthopedics industry in northern Indiana. The enhanced degree will make our students much more highly skilled and competitive in the marketplace; and the equipment purchases described in our proposal are necessary to provide the hands-on training necessary to earn the enhanced degree. A better trained work force in this specialized field will lead to increased economic development opportunities for the State. This program will be sustainable for the long term with this one-time grant award.

The project is broadly supported by employers in the community, and we have included letters of support from some of those entities.

Please do not hesitate to have your staff contact us if we may provide additional information. We greatly appreciate your consideration of our requests for funding, and we continue to be grateful for your past and ongoing support of our educational and workforce development initiatives at Ivy Tech.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Snyder".

Thomas J. Snyder

Enclosures  
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