



February 24, 2010

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

RE: Center of Excellence in Orthopedic Regulatory Affairs

Dear Senator Lugar:

We are submitting the OrthoWorx Center of Excellence in Orthopedic Regulatory Affairs project for your consideration.

As you are aware, intense government oversight of the orthopedics industry, both domestically and internationally, has resulted in high level of focus on regulatory compliance among medical device manufacturers. This focus reveals an immediate need to find and train individuals in regulatory affairs management. Finding a sufficient pool of well-trained regulatory professionals for the industry is very difficult, and a regional training site at Grace College will augment the supply of appropriately trained regulatory personnel. Through this project, OrthoWorx, in partnership with Grace College, will create a center of excellence in orthopedic regulatory affairs.

Request: \$2,000,000

Legislation:

FY 2011 Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Act

- Department of Health and Human Services
  - Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Account

FY 2011 Financial Services & General Government Appropriations Act

- Financial Services
  - Small Business Administration (SBA) Account

Again, thank you for your consideration and we ask that you submit this request to the Appropriations Committee and ask that this project be a priority for funding for the Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Cheryl Blanchard'.

Cheryl Blanchard, PhD.  
Chair, Board of Directors, OrthoWorx