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RE: AdvanceNC Affiliate Member Request

Dear AdvanceNC Director,

I am writing to request NCWorks Commission join AdvanceNC as an affiliate member. The NCWorks Commission is the state's Workforce Development Board as designated under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). As the Governor's Workforce Development Board, the NCWorks Commission recommends policies and strategies that enable the state's workforce and businesses to compete and be successful. Led by a private sector chair, the 37-member NCWorks Commission includes representatives from the business community, heads of state workforce agencies, educators, and community leaders. The mission of the NCWorks Commission is to ensure that North Carolina has an innovative, relevant, effective, and efficient workforce development system that develops adaptable, work-ready, skilled talent to meet the current and future needs of workers and businesses to achieve and sustain economic prosperity.

The NCWorks Commission understands that AdvanceNC is an innovative workforce development ecosystem developing a robust talent pipeline to support unprecedented economic growth in central North Carolina. AdvanceNC represents an incredible collaboration among community colleges, universities, and workforce boards that serves to meet the needs of regional employers. The NCWorks Commission collaborates with all 20 Local Area Workforce Development Boards and state agencies such as the Departments of Health and Human Services, Public Instruction, Commerce, and the NC Community College System. The Local Area Workforce Development Boards oversee local NCWorks Career Centers in partnership with the NCWorks Commission and NC Department of Commerce [Division of Workforce Solutions](#) (DWS) to deliver workforce solutions, assist job seekers with improving their skills and finding jobs, and help businesses develop a qualified workforce. NCWorks Career Centers offer services for adults, veterans, youth, and help employers find the qualified talent they need to make their businesses thrive. DWS also operates NCWorks Online, the state's official job-search portal that is helping connect talented individuals with employers.

The NCWorks Commission is a tax-exempt entity that serves the needs of the state, including central NC, and has the capacity and the resources to support the mission of AdvanceNC, by facilitating knowledge-sharing among state and local partners and convening workforce and economic development partners to develop demand-driven strategies connected to regional economies and labor markets. In addition, the NCWorks Commission can support AdvanceNC by identifying barriers and means for removing barriers to better coordinate, align, and avoid duplication among programs and activities and the development of strategies to provide effective outreach to and improved access for individuals and employers who could benefit from NC's workforce development system.

Respectfully,

Dr. Annie Izod
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