January 3rd, 2022

Dear Department of Workforce Development ITA Review Committee;

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of Milwaukee Building & Construction Trades Council (MBCTC) for the ETPL application submitted by our intermediary partner, Wisconsin Regional Training Program (WRTP)| Building Industry Group Skilled Trades Employment Program (BIG STEP) to support their ETPL training submission. The Entry Level Construction Skills & Commercial Driver’s License Program will expand trucking and construction employment opportunities throughout Southeast Wisconsin. MBCTC is excited about the interactive and innovative approach advanced within the WRTP|BIG STEP application and we look forward to partnering with them in executing it.

With headquarters in Milwaukee, WI, and satellite offices in Racine and Dane counties in Wisconsin, WRTP|BIG STEP has achieved national recognition its innovative workforce programs that are centered on building and supporting traditionally disenfranchised populations underrepresented in the construction industry, and a reputation for strong employer linkages and services managed across a wide array of public workforce and private philanthropic funding streams. It has been highlighted in publications of the U.S. Department of Labor, General Accounting Office, National Network of Sector Partners, Workforce Alliance, and AFL-CIO Working for America Institute.

WRTP|BIGSTEP seeks to train **no less than 30 ELCS & CDL trainees, with 25 being placed in trucking employment and/or Registered Apprenticeship by December 27, 2022.**

As noted within the application, as the President of the Milwaukee Area Building Trades, I serve on WRTP|BIG STEP’s Board of Directors and we see our partnership as an integral part of their model and our success. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at: danb@milwbuildingtrades.org.

 Thank you for your support and consideration.

Dan Bukiewicz,

President, Milwaukee Building Trades