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Elizabeth Johnson
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Dear Dean Johnson:

On behalf of the Directors of IEC, Florida West Coast Chapter, I say "thank you" to you and the administration of HCC for your desire to continue the Apprenticeship partnership we have shared these past four years. By all accounts, our joint partnership has proved to be a tremendous success for the school, the community, and the industry.

We certainly desire to continue the partnership and seek to enter into a mutually acceptable long-term contractual agreement at the earliest possible date. We recognize that had no further funding come to HCC, we might be tied to limitations such as those into which we were locked last year. However, because of law changes and the significant new appropriations to HCC, we would surely expect to negotiate something more in line with our requirements and demonstrated training needs. In harmony and good faith, we want our relationship to continue.

As law has changed with the Governor signing bills limiting how workforce education appropriations are spent and revealing significant appropriation increases, we would seek \$1800.00 per Apprentice plus \$150.00 for each Apprentice completing the academic year and earning an OCP. We desire, also, the ability to grow our program without numerical limitations or constraints. (For budget planning purposes, this year we anticipate training between 250 and 300 apprentices with an average population of 270).

We look forward to our meeting with you, Dr. Chunn, and the staff on June 30, 2004.

Sincerely,

K. David Bombaugh
Executive Director