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Dear Business Colleague:

Preparing individuals of all ages to achieve their utmost potential in every facet of life is one of the most important things we can do for the citizens of Illinois. In my role as State Librarian, I believe I have been given a unique opportunity to help develop these qualities in the people of our state. As business people, you are in a key position to develop the skills of workers through the Workplace Skills Enhancement grant program administered by my office. Together with the educational providers of Illinois, I believe we can make a significant impact on the skills that Illinois workers develop.

To assist businesses in establishing and maintaining effective workplace literacy programs, my office has developed and makes available a variety of resources. One such resource is this publication -- a comprehensive statewide directory of the educational providers who are prepared to work with businesses to design and deliver workplace skills enhancement programs. Each of these agencies responded to our survey requesting accurate information about their services.

I offer my thanks to the many educational providers, agencies and associations that furnished information about their services for this Directory. Our goal is to link businesses that are committed to worker education and training with those agencies that can provide the services those businesses need.

I hope this Directory will serve as a useful resource as you develop and implement your worker education programs.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesse White". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JESSE WHITE  
Secretary of State  
and State Librarian