From:	Settles, Carmel
To:	Ribley, Warren
Subject:	FW: Urgent: Greater West Town JTED Award - Appeal for Review
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For your approval…

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From: McMahon, Therese
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 5:29 PM
To: Ribley, Warren; Settles, Carmel
Cc: Lopez, Irma; Stone, Tammy; Rodriguez, Julio
Subject: FW: Urgent: Greater West Town JTED Award - Appeal for Review

Director,

Please review/approve the attached correspondence regarding JTED funding for Greater West Town. Tammy will send next week with you and the Governor as a cc. Tammy will also copy others who have sent letters on this issue to your attention.

Tammy, I think Irma and Carmel have several letters from GWT's board members.

Thanks

Therese

Therese McMahon
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From: Stone, Tammy
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 12:38 PM
To: McMahon, Therese
Cc: Rodriguez, Julio
Subject: RE: Urgent: Greater West Town JTED Award - Appeal for Review

Therese,

Here is a draft response. Edit accordingly or let me know if you want me to change anything.

Tammy

From: McMahon, Therese
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2011 12:51 PM
To: Stone, Tammy
Subject: FW: Urgent: Greater West Town JTED Award - Appeal for Review

Please draft a response and include the total amount of funding from Training from Tomorrow.

Thanks

Therese

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From: Leavy, William [mailto:wjleavy@gwtp.edu]
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 5:06 PM
To: McMahon, Therese
Cc: Ribley, Warren; Stone, Tammy
Subject: Urgent: Greater West Town JTED Award - Appeal for Review

Dear Ms. McMahon,

Greater West Town Project (GWTP) respectfully and urgently appeals and requests a review of yesterday's announced JTED award amount of $50,000, which represents a 66% cut to our current JTED funding. We urge you to reconsider and increase this award amount, at least proportionate to the overall decrease in State funds available for obligation under JTED Public Law 90-474.

Despite a long history of exemplary JTED performance, GWTP appears to have been hit with an extreme, disproportional, highly damaging funding cut. We have been informed that JTED appropriations were reduced from $1,400,000 to $1,200,000. If this is accurate 50% of the total JTED reduction for all grantees was passed to us!

In reviewing this appeal we request that you consider the following facts:

(1) GWTP has successfully achieved 100% of all contract goals in the current year and in each of the 12 past JTED grant years.

(2) JTED statute and regulations clearly requires that contract awards and funding levels be based primarily on prior contract performance.

(3) GWTP has achieved 100% of its training and placement goals over the past three years. This was achieved while serving an underserved, highly barriered population including 100%

low-income unemployed, 25% ex-offenders, and 51% non-high school graduates.

(4) GWTP's Shipping and Receiving (TDL) and Woodworking and Solid Surface Manufacturing are the only programs of their kind serving these two strategic sectors. Our programs are State approved by the Ilinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and Nationally accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC).

(5) GWTP has developed and continues to sustain uniguely strong partnerships with a broad range of local employers that benefit from and support the program. These community business- partnership are central to the JTED program design.

GWTP's 12 year history of successful JTED performance has helped win and maintain support for the JTED model with elected officials, employers, and community leaders. We ask, once again, that you please reconsider and increase our award amount so that we can maintain our service levels to our community's disadvantaged unemployed. During this critical time, these funds are essential to helping us maintain a highly effective, model JTED program thereby allowing us to continue our role in advocating for the preservation and expansion of job training opportunities for low-income families and communities.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
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