



November 6, 2008

Representative Pat Strachota, Chair
Special Committee on Building Wisconsin's Workforce
Joint Legislative Council
One East Main Street, Suite 401
P. O. Box 2536
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Dear Representative Strachota:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide additional information to the Special Committee on Building Wisconsin's Workforce on the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) 2009-11 biennial budget request.

Our *Next Generation Workforce* initiative will make demand-driven, targeted investments to develop the workforce that Wisconsin's next generation industries need. I am enclosing two specific items related to *Next Generation Workforce*, including:

- a two-page summary of the initiative; and
- a more complete narrative that details the plans of each of our colleges to deliver additional graduates and trainees in high-demand occupations.

This initiative has received tremendous support from industry and other partners in every region of the State. As our new economy continues to emerge, we have received an unmistakable message that the economic contributions of our technical colleges will play a key role in the transition. We would certainly welcome and appreciate the Committee's support of our *Next Generation Workforce* initiative.

Information related to our other initiatives, each of which is intended to make our colleges, programs, and students more effective in these challenging times, is available at:
http://www.wtcsystem.edu/legislative/state/budget_09_11.htm

I am required to attend the WTCS Board meeting on Wednesday, November 19, but Conor Smyth from my office will be available to answer any questions that may arise during your discussion of the *Next Generation Workforce* initiative. I appreciated the opportunity to appear before the Committee in August, and have been following the Committee's important work. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide the enclosed information.

Sincerely,

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

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