



Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board

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Dear Economic Developer:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (SIWIB) members, representing the five counties of Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Perry and Williamson. Created by the federal Workforce Investment Act, the SIWIB is made up of community leaders who have a keen interest in improving workforce development efforts in the region. These volunteers, who come from business, labor, education and many other entities, have a huge responsibility to the citizens within our communities. To this end, we hope to build credibility with our business customers by doing our best to ensure employers have a qualified and ready-to-work pool of candidates to choose from.

Strong interrelations between Economic, Community and Workforce Development are necessary for success. We are proud to attribute many of our achievements to the alliances we have created in the communities we serve. Job seekers complete college training programs each year financed with WIA training dollars and employers enjoy the benefits of our On the Job Training (OJT) funds as they build successful workforces. Working with local and state Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity representatives, we can bring a package of benefits to existing and potential businesses. In addition, we can provide you with demographic and labor trend information to assist you with potential business and grant opportunities.

Thank you for visiting our website and I encourage you to become more familiar with your area county representatives and the numerous SIWIB initiatives we are associated with. These community stewards rely on professionals, like you, to voice your concerns and challenges related to talent and labor force issues in southern Illinois.

Thank you for your time. If you would like to visit one of our local offices, or have a representative speak with you about your specific business needs, please do not hesitate to call Kathy Lively at 618.998.0970, extension 237.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "William Armstrong". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'W' and 'A'.

*William Armstrong, Chairman
Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board*

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