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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: WORK FIRST PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS AND SUPERVISORS

RE: 2002 Governor's Awards for Excellence in Workforce Development

The Commission on Workforce Development is in the process of planning its Workforce Development Partnership Conference scheduled for October 23-25, 2002 at the Greensboro Sheraton at Four Seasons Hotel. The annual Governor's Awards for Excellence in Workforce Development will be presented during the conference at a banquet on October 24. Again this year, the awards will give recognition to outstanding workforce participants and an outstanding employer.

We strongly encourage your agency to submit nominations for the following categories: Outstanding Employer, Outstanding Workforce Development Adult Participant, and Outstanding Workforce Development Youth Participant. Outstanding Employer nominations should focus on how the business has positively contributed to the state/local economy and improved workforce training and employment opportunities. Nominations for the Outstanding Workforce Development Adult Participant and Outstanding Workforce Development Youth Participant should focus on individuals who have realized exemplary accomplishments as it relates to successfully participating in and completing a workforce development program. Specific requirements related to the nomination process are included in an attachment to this letter.

All nominations are due to the Commission on Workforce Development **no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2002**. Late or faxed nominations will not be accepted. The agency director must sign each nomination form and letters of support must be attached.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this opportunity to nominate workforce program participants and employers for the 2002 Governor's Awards for Excellence in Workforce Development.

Sincerely,

Wilbert R. Morris, Chief

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Attachments EI-13-2002