

September 13, 2008

Daniel LeBlanc
Senior Advisor for Workforce
Office of the Governor
Commonwealth of Virginia
Patrick Henry Building, 4th Floor
111 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Mr. LeBlanc,

On behalf of the Arlington County Board, this is to express our interest in participating in the Commonwealth's "comprehensive one-stop" workforce development initiative. In partnership with the Workforce Investment Board, we are eager to begin this new endeavor and are committed to its success.

Arlington County has been a pioneer in workforce services since the Arlington Employment Center was first established nearly 20 years ago. Since that time, the County has continued to provide substantial financial support to the Center. Along with our consortium partners in the City of Alexandria, we have built a vibrant workforce system due in large part to the generous contribution of local funds to our respective one-stop center budgets. This has enabled us to customize services to address local business needs while preparing residents for their first job, their skill upgrades, or their career changes. By leveraging federal grant funds, we are able to serve more customers – be they businesses or job seekers – and to target services to better meet the specific needs of our community.

My understanding is that through this endeavor, the Arlington Employment Center may be the only local government "comprehensive one-stop." We will proudly serve as a model which others may replicate. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you and the Workforce Investment Board in promoting the economic viability of our area and that of the Commonwealth. In the end, we all win!

Sincerely,

J. Walter Tejada

c: Ron Carlee, County Manager
Marsha Allgeier, Deputy County Manager
Susanne Eisner, Director, Department of Human Services
Carla Leap, Executive Director, Workforce Investment Board