August 30, 2013

South Central College
Curriculum Committee Members

To Whom It May Concern:

Workforce Development, Inc. (WDI) is pleased to submit this letter of support for the new 16-credit Welding Certificate Program with South Central College. We believe this program will become a strong pathway into higher skill development to the regional Manufacturing workforce.

Welding skills continue to be in high demand within the region. Not only are they in demand in what we traditionally consider “manufacturing” companies, but other industries also require strong welding skills. For example, agriculture and construction industries also demand these skills as minimum requirements for solid entry level employment. Add to this the mechanical skills a good welder begins with, will open the industrial maintenance, mechatronics and advanced manufacturing possibilities along the career ladder.

WDI is looking forward to working closely with South Central College in meeting the workforce demands of our business community looking for welding and technical manufacturing skills. We encourage you to approve this program to move us forward in developing the skills needed by our workforce.

Sincerely,

Randy Johnson
Executive Director
This letter is written in support of the proposed new 16 credit welding certificate program being developed for the Faribault Campus of South Central College.

This proposal addresses the need for a pipeline of new workers in the manufacturing industry. Our rural area is especially in need of a mechanism to develop a pool of well-prepared, screened candidates who are willing and able to take on the rigors of welding work within our industry.

This proposed 16 credit certificate program will be catalyst to meet the demand that exist within our region and the growing need for skilled workers in rural economies. This region of the state serves as a model for in in sector-based, demand driven education and Chart Industries strongly encourage South Central College to pursue this opportunity.

Sincerely,

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This letter is written in support of the proposed new 16 credit welding certificate program being developed for the Faribault Campus of South Central College.

As a welding instructor I believe this proposal addresses the need for new workers in the manufacturing industry. Our rural area is especially in need of a mechanism to develop a pool of well-prepared, screened candidates who are willing and able to take on the rigors of welding work within our industry. The curriculum is relevant to the area industry needs and will develop the skills needed for the new and incumbent workforce to gain employment or advancement within a manufacturing setting.

This proposed 16 credit certificate program will be catalyst to meet the demand that exist within our region and the growing need for skilled workers.

Sincerely,

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