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Dear Employer:

The Upper Rio Grande College Tech-Prep Youth Consortium in partnership with the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce is beginning another successful year of the Educator Externship Program. This unique program provides stipends to middle school and high school teachers to develop a set of lesson plans that address academic skills used in business settings.

We are asking for your commitment to offer an El Paso area teacher a worthwhile externship experience linking academics to business. The teacher extern is expected to work 40 hours in your location by participating in worksite activities that are relevant to the teacher's subject area (math, English, or science). A teacher should be paired with a mentor at your worksite whose knowledge and skills match those of the teacher's academic objectives.

By mentoring a teacher, students have an excellent opportunity to understand the importance of skills taught in the classroom to those required in the workplace. In doing so, employers have a greater impact on the preparation of potential employees.

Each participating teacher will receive a stipend from the Upper Rio Grande College Tech-Prep Youth Consortium upon successful submission of completed lesson plans. Your only responsibility is your dedicated time and effort in providing a valuable opportunity for educators to witness academics on the job.

Enclosed you will find more information on this important program to assist you in determining your participation. Connect LEARNING and EARNING!

Sincerely,
James A. Valdez
Consortium Director

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