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December 30, 2005

Dear Alliance Member or Interested Individual/Group:

As you are aware, Erie Community College and the Machining/Manufacturing Industry created the Alliance in October 2004 in response to the growing need to increase the local workforce in the manufacturing sector and to build the new industrial technology program at North Campus with advisement options for students in CNC programming, plastics technology and the general technician trades.

We have had great success from our efforts. For example, we have set up an endowment scholarship for \$50,000 through the ECC Foundation, purchased and entrusted \$240,000 in equipment for the Haas Machining Center, provided paid internships to eleven students in the Summer 2005 along with \$10,700 in tuition and scholarships and hosted two career fairs where over 300 potential job seekers met with your companies. However, our work is not done. In fact, there is so much more to do.

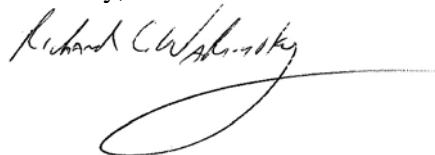
It is the goal of Erie Community College to provide you with skilled, qualified workers for your companies. We currently have 43 students enrolled in the program but that is not enough. We are continuing aggressive recruitment to area vocational high schools, our One Stop Centers and the New York State Department of Labor to enroll students in the concentrated fifteen-week training program.

As we look forward to 2006 and the dollars it will take to continue these efforts, I am reaching out to each of you in requesting your support towards the \$100,000 campaign for our 2006 goals. From the brochures enclosed, it is our intention to use these dollars to train 75 individuals for manufacturing positions, provide 15 students with paid internships in the Summer of 2006, continue our job fairs and increase companies from this career field in the Alliance. Looking at this simplistically, if we could secure \$2100 from 50 companies, our goals would be reached. I need your support and your money for this effort.

I believe that your community college can help to resurrect the career industry for machining and manufacturing. We can provide students with a quality education that is student centered and focused on academic excellence and is accessible, responsive and financially affordable. These visions and missions of the college, "the hallmarks of education", are built on community partnerships and the alliances we foster. Please forward scholarship funds to my attention. Thank you.

We wish you Happy Holidays and a successful New Year and look forward to seeing you at our next Machining/Manufacturing Alliance meeting on Friday, February 10 at 8 a.m.

Sincerely,



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