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Brent Parton
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration
200 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20210

RE: Community Teamwork, Inc. Submission to Federal Funding Opportunity: FOA-ETA-24-36

Dear Assistant Secretary Parton,

I am writing in support of the Community Teamwork, Inc.'s (CTI's) application for funding through the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration's Federal Funding Opportunity: FOA-ETA-24-36. For nearly 60 years, CTI has provided a myriad of high-quality comprehensive services to individuals and families in the Greater Lowell region. CTI's YouthBuild Program directly contributes to the local workforce development and new career opportunities for low-income constituents of the Third District. As their federal representative, I ask that the CTI's application be given all due consideration.

CTI's YouthBuild Program gives young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 the opportunity to receive educational, vocational, and leadership training to prepare them to enter the workforce. The program integrates academic education with occupational skills training and one-on-one tutoring and mentoring, so that students can earn their HiSET or build their reading and math skills. Students also have access to post-secondary training opportunities, apprenticeship programs, as well as leadership development and community service opportunities. CTI also provides job placement and follow-up support over a 12-month period following the completion of the program.

If awarded funding, CTI will be able to serve 66 at-risk low-income youth from high-risk neighborhoods in Lowell who have been unsuccessful in traditional educational settings. This funding would support a Construction Plus design, with Hospitality and Culinary Arts as secondary skill tracks. Through the Construction program, students will participate in NCCER curriculum, OSHA safety courses, and hands-on training through a home renovation project. Through the Construction Plus program, students will additionally receive certification from the NRAEF Restaurant Ready and ServSafe Manager programs.

As a Lowell native, I have witnessed firsthand the life-changing impact that CTI and the YouthBuild program can have on our community. Through Federal Funding Opportunity: FOA-ETA-24-36, DOL has the opportunity to support a project which will promote economic opportunities for the constituents whom I have the honor to represent. As such, I respectfully request that CTI's application receive full and fair consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact my District Director, Maria Syrniotis, at (978) 459-0101 with any questions you may have. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Trahan".

Lori Trahan
Member of Congress