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To: Ohio's Workforce Investment Boards

Subject: Ohio Skills Bank RFP #89-15-0877

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Our state is undergoing transformational change through the creation of the University System of Ohio. We are leading the nation in connecting the power of our adult workforce education assets - ABLE, adult career-technical education, community and technical colleges and our great public universities. The Advisory Committee on the Transfer of Adult Career – Technical Education programs is currently guiding this process. The ongoing strategic planning processes of both the Ohio Board of Regents and the Ohio Department of Development may also impact this systemic alignment in some important ways.

The successful alignment of our adult workforce education assets will be critical to the planning and implementation of several key TurnAround Ohio initiatives, such as the Ohio Skills Bank. **To ensure success, we are withdrawing the Fiscal Agent/Planning Request for Proposal (RFP) #89-15-0877 for the Ohio Skills Bank.** We apologize for the inconvenience caused, but want you to know that we remain committed to this critical initiative for the upgrading of workforce skills.

We look forward to working closely with you in meeting Ohio's workforce training needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Helen E. Jones-Kelley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "H".

Helen E. Jones-Kelley, Director
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