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Governor

Michael Lasher  
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Dear Mr. Lasher & Ms. Kubisch:

It has come to my attention that you have requested an Oregon Solutions project designation for the South Douglas County Career and Technical Education (CTE) Collaborative. After reviewing the assessment conducted by Oregon Solutions staff, I believe it meets the Sustainable Community Objectives of ensuring a prosperous economy and equitable society, and advances a priority of my administration, which is to engage more students in career-connected learning opportunities. I am selecting you, Michael Lasher, Superintendent of the Douglas Education Service District (ESD), and Jeff Johnson, owner/operator of Jeff Johnson Trucking, as co-conveners.

I am pleased to see that so many partners, including school superintendents, the ESD, economic development, and philanthropy, have already expressed a commitment to work together to expand the opportunities for career and technical education in south Douglas County. Co-conveners are directed to engage in an expanded process that brings in other important partners – such as industry and community-based organizations – to contribute resources, time, and talent to the project. Achieving your goals for the project will hinge on authentic collaboration between education and industry, and successfully leveraging the state's Measure 98 investment to ensure a sustainable CTE program is launched.

Many rural communities are currently working on ways to expand educational experiences for students; build pathways to high-wage, high-demand careers; and ensure economic vitality for their region. This project could serve as model for many in the state.

Thank you for your work and enthusiasm. Please keep my office updated on this effort.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown

cc: Laurel Singer, National Policy Consensus Center  
Whitney Grubbs, Oregon Solutions  
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