

April 14, 2015

U.S. Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration
200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N4716
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Grants Review Committee:

Hidalgo County is pleased to establish a collaborative partnership with Doctors Hospital at Renaissance, member school districts, higher education partners, and community and workforce organizations to build a nursing careers pipeline for our community.

As a local education service entity chartered by the state of Texas, Region One ESC is charged with providing leadership and support to school districts within a seven county area in deep South Texas along the Texas-Mexico border.

In this capacity, Hidalgo County continuously partners with schools, higher education, local, state, and national agencies, businesses, and community-based organizations to improve the educational landscape of the Rio Grande Valley leading to the increased employability of our constituents.

Region One ESC has a long history of collaboration with all of the entities included in this proposal, and commits to fully participate in this effort in order to build upon the foundation set by these past and current partnerships. As a partner in this collaboration with Doctor's Hospital at Renaissance, Hidalgo County will:

- Fully participate in Advisory Council activities;
- Provide assistance with identification of potential participant pools; and,
- Participate in various Mentorship/Internship programs as accepted by Commissioners Court
- Collaborate with Educational or Prevention/Intervention programs promoting Health Literacy, with the goal of establishing Healthier Lifestyles for our County's families.

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I am confident that Doctor's Hospital at Renaissance has the human capital, the experience, and the capacity to implement a program of this scope. Hidalgo County strongly supports these efforts to address the undeniable need for medical professionals in the Rio Grande Valley, and applauds Doctor's Hospital for their efforts to increase the employability of our constituency toward meeting this dire need.

Sincerely,

Ramon Garcia
County Judge