

May 4, 2016

Dr. David Harrison President Columbus State Community College 550 E Spring St, Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Design Thinking: Advanced Manufacturing Summer Institute (AMSI)

Dear Dr. Harrison:

It is my pleasure to submit this letter of support for the Advanced Manufacturing Summer Institute (ASMI). This project provides a much needed solution for our region as we address the workforce needs in the field of Advance Manufacturing.

The aspect of this proposal that is most compelling to us is the promise of linking existing programs to create a cycle of teaching and learning that serves K-12 students and teachers as well as institutes of higher education and industry.

At Battelle we know that solutions to problems are about much more than having the right pieces of equipment. We know that the best solutions to the toughest problems come from bringing key stakeholders together and refining the way we work together. We believe the promise in the Design Thinking: Advanced Manufacturing Summer Institute is the promise of a refined process for addressing the Advance Manufacturing needs of our region and our state.

Sincerely,

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Aimee Kennedy, VP Education, Philanthropy and STEM