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Mr. Rick Combs
Director
Legislative Counsel Bureau
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Dear Mr. Combs:

Pursuant to NRS 231.1513, the Governor's Office of Economic Development is to provide a report concerning programs of workforce development which receive money from the Workforce Innovations for a New Nevada. The report is attached and covers the period of June 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions via telephone at 775-687-9900 or via e-mail at cory.hunt@diversifynevada.com.

Sincerely,



Cory Hunt
Northern Regional Director

Attachment

cc: **Steve Hill, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development**
Jim Wells, Director, Governor's Finance Office
Laura Freed, Executive Branch Budget Officer II, Governor's Finance Office

Biennial Report to Legislature Concerning Programs of Workforce Development

Per NRS 231.1513, the report must include:

1. *A summary of the expenditures from the Account;*

On May 19, 2016, the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) awarded an initial grant of up to \$500,000 to the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) for Phase I of the Workforce Innovations for a New Nevada (WINN) Program. The funding will be used to assist Faraday Future to acquire necessary equipment to conduct advanced manufacturing training, as well as materials and variable expenditures that will be used to acquire materials and to cover the cost to train an initial group of individuals under the new program.

Through December 31, 2016, \$319,027.50 has been expended by CSN for capital expenses that included robotic trainers, FARO® scan arms, pneumatic trainers, and hydraulic trainers. An engineering assessment costing \$11,000 was requested by CSN in December to support necessary upgrades to install the equipment purchased for the program.

2. *A summary of the outcomes of the programs of workforce development which receive money from the Account, including, without limitation, the number of persons trained by each program, the number of persons employed by businesses that participate in each program and the average wages of the employees who are hired through each program;*

No individuals were trained in this period due to unanticipated construction delays. CSN is prepared to launch training and assessments upon the request of Faraday Future; Faraday Future has indicated that manufacturing technicians will likely not be hired until the fourth quarter of 2017.

The equipment purchased for this program is frequently used in advanced manufacturing fields; GOED, CSN, Clark County School District, and the Nevada Department of Employment Training and Rehabilitation are currently exploring options to utilize the equipment for new training programs until such time that Faraday Future has a need to train and hire workers for their facility.

3. *An evaluation of the workforce diversity action plan of each authorized provider and each business that participates in a program of workforce development;*

Recruiting for positions at Faraday Future has not yet begun in earnest. GOED, CSN, DETR and Faraday Future have established plans for recruiting diverse segments of the community, with DETR leading in implementation. Evaluation of the efficacy of these efforts will be completed during and at the completion of each recruiting cycle.

4. *Any other information the Executive Director of the Office determines is appropriate.*

On January 19, 2017, GOED's Board of Directors approved a WINN Program Grant to Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) for up to \$175,000. The program will provide scholarships for approximately 145 persons to complete basic and intermediate manufacturing training. The curriculum is part of the Panasonic Preferred Pathway (P3), developed jointly by PENA, Hamilton, TMCC and GOED. This program will directly serve Panasonic Energy of North America (PENA) in Storey County, and the Hamilton Company in Washoe County. Moreover, GOED is currently engaging other advanced manufacturing companies that may be interested in this curriculum, and anticipates additional similar WINN programs in the coming months.