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Mr. Richard Johnston
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Dear Mr. Johnston:

On behalf of the Industry Training Authority (ITA), we are pleased to provide you with information regarding the 2004/05 industry training funding levels for your institution.

The ITA has been established to create, implement and govern a new approach to industry training in British Columbia. This new approach will inevitably affect the way future operating funding will be determined.

However, we recognize there is insufficient time to reasonably and prudently address the basis for funding for the upcoming fiscal year. Therefore, we have used your current year budget as a guide for establishing the 2004/05 block funding.

Your industry training budget for 2004/05 has been set at \$4,107,000.

As you are aware, meetings with a working group of the Deans are planned over the upcoming months. The ITA will consult with you, and other stakeholder groups to help us define the accountability framework for this year and the basis for funding 2005/06, and future years.

The ITA is requesting all training institutions review their industry programs with the view of introducing efficiencies that will increase throughput by 10% or more, with no reduction in quality. To encourage this we propose to invest additional money for innovation and change projects that support the ITA's goals. For these projects, we will match each dollar your institution contributes to a maximum of \$175,000. Our plan is to work with each institution to define mutually agreeable projects and outcomes and would welcome an opportunity to meet with you or a designate to discuss this opportunity.

We firmly believe the broad scope and fewer restrictions of the new Industry Training Authority Act, combined with the passion and drive of all stakeholders, will facilitate innovation and responsiveness to the training needs of industry in British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Brian Clewes
CEO of the ITA

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Board Chairperson