

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR VETERANS UPWARD BOUND GRANT – DUE OCTOBER 15th

October 2, 2006

Alice J. Savino, Executive Director
Workforce Investment Board
209 Elizabeth St.
Utica, NY 13501

Dear Alice:

(NAME OF PARTNER) is pleased to work in partnership with the Workforce Investment Board's Veterans Upward Bound project to help veterans in our region access post-secondary education, so that these veterans can use education as a pathway to a rewarding career.

The funding provided through this project would create an extensive regional veterans post-secondary outreach network, provide increased assessment to help veterans build on the skills learned while in the service, connect veterans with education to update vital technology and career skills, and develop new partnerships among veterans organizations, post-secondary institutions and the Working Solutions One-Stop Career Center System. This project will achieve these goals through a cooperative partnership that includes veterans services organizations as well as the existing network for more than 100 public and not-for-profit partners who have been working cooperatively to serve the workforce needs of the region. The WIB and its partners have achieved a reputation for creativity and innovation along with solid performance in helping residents from all backgrounds move forward to better careers. This project is an opportunity to take this outstanding track record and use it to help America's veterans.

(NAME) has a long-standing relationship with the WIB through our efforts to help the WIB in its efforts to provide job training and educational services to a wide variety of area residents, including the homeless, people with disabilities and unemployed and under-employed adults. We would be delighted to help the WIB provide supportive services, counseling, and information and referral to veterans served by the VUB project.

(SHORT BACKGROUND ON PARTNER – MISSION, LOCATION, ETC.)

The WIB's Veterans Upward Bound project fits with our mission of service through the following programs:

(Please list any programs veterans might access as support services while in the Upward Bound project – about 6 months)

With a projected VUB enrollment of 100 veterans, we estimate that **(NUMBER)** would be eligible for services we provide. Based upon this number, we project that we would provide **\$(DOLLAR FIGURE)** worth of support services, referrals and counseling to veterans in the WIB's VUB project. These services will help support the project by providing supportive services, enhancing service coordination, and helping veterans attain higher levels of education..

As a partner with the WIB, we would be happy to participate in meetings of the project Advisory Council to coordinate service delivery, participate in planning sessions, assist in the evaluation of the program, and coordinate services provided to participants. We look upon this project as a way to build upon successful collaborations with the WIB that are helping transform lives and our community. We strongly support this project and pledge to work with the WIB to ensure its success.

Sincerely,