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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Challenger TAFE's Submission to the Inquiry into Collaborative Approaches in Government

Thank you for extending an invitation dated 2nd October 2007, to Challenger TAFE to respond to this inquiry.

To fulfil its obligations to provide relevant skills training to WA industry and the community, the College maintains an extensive partnering network involving many public and private sectors agencies with relationships that have extended over many years. For example, in 2007, Challenger TAFE partnered with 57 public and private secondary schools in delivering vocational education to high school student.

Many of Challenger's training programs are developed for groups with special or targeted needs and frequently these particular programs are designed to produce positive outcomes in the areas of human services and community development. The College has a strong record of success in these areas and the strategies the College applies are important contributors to that success.

Rather than describe some of Challenger's many projects in detail, I have outlined here some of the key steps the College takes to achieve successful outcomes. These steps include:

- at the business unit level, identifying programs that will address special or targeted needs and undertaking a range of pre-planning activities including:
 - careful consultation with potential partners;
 - an informal risk assessment/ judgement call on the likelihood of success for a partnering arrangement;
 - monitoring funding sources and program funding opportunities, including using a commercial tender searching facility;
- use of quality process documentation for establishing cooperative arrangements with external agencies;
- use of on-line financial tools for business unit managers to develop project proposals at the local level;
 - tools that allow each project to be monitored by a business unit manager and their line manager;
- valuing our partnering relationships and taking time to maintain these with our various stakeholder groups;

The College would have well over 100 partnering arrangements with diverse industry and special interest groups. The sample list below provides some indication of the range of interests and agencies the College engages with:

Fremantle Mental Health Services (Alma Street Clinic)

City of Fremantle

Infoxchange: Technology for Social Justice

Hilton Police-Citizens Youth Club

Department of Corrective Services

Fremanshed: Fremantle Men's Community Shed, White Gum Valley

Activ Foundation

Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club

Kwinana Industries Education Partnership (KIEP) – comprising the Kwinana Industries Council and 12 local senior high schools

South Coastal Women's Health Services, Rockingham

Community First/ Job Futures (Mandurah)

Bridging the Gap / Job Futures Kwinana, Rockingham

South Metropolitan Youth Link (SMYL) Community Services

Billy Dower Youth Centre, City of Mandurah

Alfred Heinz Childrens Home, Rockingham

Quarry Youth Health Centre, Fremantle.

Should you require further information please contact
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Yours sincerely