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To Whom It May Concern:

As Deputy Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development it is my pleasure to submit the agency's nomination of CareerOneStop for the Merrill Baumgardner Excellence in Information Technology Award.

CareerOneStop has a long history of information technology innovation since its founding in Minnesota in 1998 as a national program. Today, CareerOneStop continues to innovate to assist all of the country's workers, learners, businesses, and workforce staff. The agency's submission demonstrates DEED's commitment to IT excellence in online dissemination of workforce-related data and knowledge.

I approve this submission as our agency's sole submission.

Regards,

Blake Chaffee Deputy Commissioner