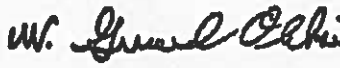


**MEMO**

**DATE:** January 2, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Submission for the Merrill Baumgardner Award

**TO:** Yvette Chocolaad  
Policy Director  
National Association of State Workforce Agencies

**FROM:** W. Gerard Oleksiak  
Secretary   
Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry


I am writing to offer my complete support for the submission of the Commonwealth Workforce Development System Referral Program for the Merrill Baumgardner Award. The Referral Program has effectively and efficiently connected internal programs and local partner agencies and organizations leading to better service coordination for one-stop customers. Thank you for your consideration of this worthwhile program.

**MEMO**

**DATE:** January 2, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Submission for the Pinnacle Award for Workforce Development

**TO:** Yvette Chocolaad  
Policy Director  
National Association of State Workforce Agencies

**FROM:** W. Gerard Oleksiak   
Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry


I am writing to offer my complete support for the submission of the Altoona PACareerlink/ Altoona Library consolidation project for the Pinnacle Award for Workforce Development. This project has been a model of partnership collaboration, which has improved access to career services and job search assistance for customers in the area, while at the same time improved efficiency and reduced costs. Thank you for your consideration of this worthwhile program.

**MEMO**

**DATE:** January 2, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Submission for the Pinnacle Award for Business Development

**TO:** Yvette Chocolaad  
Policy Director  
National Association of State Workforce Agencies

**FROM:** W. Gerard Oleksiak   
Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry

I am writing to offer my complete support for submission of the Registered Apprenticeship (RA) Navigator apprenticeship program for workforce development intermediaries, for the Pinnacle Award for Business Development. This new RA program is designed to meet the growing demand by employers for apprenticeship training by preparing individuals to assist in starting and scaling up registered apprenticeship programs. Thank you for your consideration of this worthwhile program.