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National Association of State Workforce Agency (NASWA)
444 North Capitol Street, NW; Suite 300
Washington, DC 20001

Please accept this letter as approval to submit *WorkForce West Virginia's Empowered Employment Initiative for NASWA's State Excellence Award*. WorkForce and its partners are very excited for the newly launched pilot program to assist individuals in obtaining a time-limited work experience that is wage-paid, subsidized up to 100%, and in the public, private, or non-profit sectors.

The goal of Empowered Employment is to place individuals into work experience opportunities which allows the participant to develop work skills. In addition, support services provided by WorkForce West Virginia, partner or community organizations, the participant will have the resources to identify solutions to barriers to employment, such as financial stability, dependable transportation, and childcare.

Thank you for considering WorkForce's nomination. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact me at 304-558-7024.

Sincerely,



Scott Adkins
Acting Commissioner