

October 25, 2017

Mary Bunting City of Hampton 22 Lincoln Street Hampton, VA 23669

Dear Mary,

Thank you for applying to participate on behalf of the City of Hampton in the ACT® Work Ready Communities Academy.

I was most impressed with the quality of the Hampton application, and on behalf of ACT, I am pleased to offer your leadership team an invitation to the county-level ACT Work Ready Communities Academy. The first session is set for Abingdon, VA, November 28-29, 2017. The Academy session will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the first day and adjourn at 4 p.m. on the second day. Please visit workreadycommunitieis.org/index/cwrc-academy for additional information regarding the Academy

We ask that you designate two members of your leadership team to attend the ACT WRC Academy sessions beginning with the first session. Please feel free to contact Tony Garife (<u>Tony.Garife@act.org</u>) or Fred McConnel (<u>Fred.McConnel@act.org</u>) should you have any questions.

The ACT Work Ready Community initiative is under the direction of ACT State Organizations. ACT State Organization is a network of professionals that works with ACT to shape the education and workforce landscape at local and state levels, and are located in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Membership is made up of dynamic education and workforce professionals and policymakers across each state. The vision for ACT State Organizations is to eliminate the skills gap by connecting the outcomes of K–12 and postsecondary to career opportunities. To join your state organization, visit www.act.org/stateorgs/membership.

I know I speak for everyone at ACT when I say how excited we are to have the City of Hampton on board for the ACT Work Ready Communities Academy for counties. Congratulations!

Regards,

Suzanne Conquest Director, ACT State Organizations 500 ACT Drive Iowa City, IA 52243 Suzanne.Conquest@act.org

CC: Tony Garife, Economic Development Liaison Fred McConnel, Economic Development Liaison