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Dear Mr. Bockstael,

Re: Canadian Construction Industry Student Work Integrated Learning (WIL) Program

We heartily endorse Canadian Construction Innovations (CCI)'s and Canadian Construction Association's (CCA) application for the proposed Work Integrated Learning (WIL) program. Our organization is eager to participate in the program upon approval given our work on emerging skills requirements for the construction industry (see attached literature review). The work of CCI to promote and facilitate innovation in the Canadian construction industry is critical to our economy and competitiveness and will be further enhanced through a close relationship with the Canadian Construction Association.

Together, these two organizations have the vision, network and savvy to deliver on an outstanding work placement experience, while gathering necessary data to make recommendations to better align knowledge acquisition with the needs of the workplace.

We understand the WIL proposal would provide up to 1000 new student integrated learning possibilities across Canada. Our organization fully comprehends the anticipated shortage of science technology engineering and math students in the next 20 years needed to move the industry forward. We have watched as the construction industry in Canada has begun to diversify, increase collaboration through new vertically integrated project delivery models, adopt and begin to embrace new technologies both in project administration processes and on-site.

CCI's goals of measuring the learning experience and preparing post-secondary students for job ready performance is to be commended. We urge the federal government to approve this initiative that will spark a culture of innovation, attract diversity to the industry and ensure that the construction industry has the capacity to deliver on the necessary infrastructure to build a better Canada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Heyens".

Paul Heyens, Chair

Attachment