

APPENDIX VI



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To Whom It May Concern:

Headquartered in Houston, Texas, United Space Alliance (USA) is one of the world's leading space operations companies. Established in 1996 as a joint venture between The Boeing Company and Lockheed Martin Corporation, the company employs 10,000 people in Texas, Florida, Alabama, California and Washington, D.C. USA is chartered to manage and conduct space operations work involving the operation and maintenance of space systems, associated with NASA's human space flight program and Space Shuttle applications beyond those of NASA.

USA has been associated with the School of Natural and Applied Sciences of the University of Houston – Clear Lake since its inception. USA has funded many research projects and sponsored several capstone projects for the graduate Computer Science and Computer Information Systems programs. We have hired Cooperative Education students. We have engaged in a faculty exchange, sponsoring Dr. Sharon Hall, the co-PI of the UHCL NSF-CSEMS proposal, as a faculty intern when she was on Faculty Development Leave in the spring semester of 1999. Two members of my management team, Mr. Bob Smock (Computer Security) and Ms. Margaret Guardia (MIS) are currently serving as adjunct faculty at UHCL.

Our ongoing relationship with UHCL continues to be a productive venture. The students we have hired have the appropriate background, with a good understanding of theory and practice. The faculty exchange project with Dr. Hall was a very positive experience and mutually beneficial to all parties involved. At least two of my managers have returned to school as a result of Dr. Hall's influence during her Faculty Development leave. We know that UHCL has a group of dedicated faculty members who maintain their curricula to provide both the theory and the latest technology advances to their students, as well as a dedicated leadership team supporting and guiding their efforts.

USA is committed to continuing our relationship with UHCL and anxious to become part of the support team for their CSEMS NSF Scholars program. Whether it's providing a member of the Steering Committee, supporting the industrial program, hiring their graduates or all of the above, we will do what's necessary to support them. Our ongoing Co-op programs and new initiatives under development will provide opportunities for the scholars to experience the application of their classroom learning to the exciting world of human space flight and get paid for the experience. My organization has a 100% success rate maintaining open "slots" for co-op graduates, providing challenging post-

graduation employment. USA subject matter experts will be available to support discussions, seminars, and field trips for the UHCL NSF Scholars. With 4500+ employees in Houston, we have a strong resource base from which UHCL can draw as they develop and implement their NSF Scholars Program.

I am pleased to have the university involved in a project that enhances opportunities for education in our community. The demand for Information Technology professionals is great, and well-balanced programs such as the ones at UHCL are critical in satisfying the nation's demand. USA is always looking for well-prepared students, and we are happy to be involved in this endeavor with UHCL. We have a strong relationship with Dr. Hall. She is a very student-oriented faculty member with appropriate organizational skills to help oversee the NSF Scholars program. We look forward to becoming an active participant of the UHCL NSF Scholars program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. M. Tamer".

K. M. Tamer, Vice President &
Chief Information Officer



April 18, 2001

Mr. Robert F. Hodgins, Executive Director
Office of Research Administration
University of Houston Clear Lake
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Dear Mr. Hodgins:

As President of Barrios Technology, Inc., I am submitting this letter in support of the National Science Foundation (NSF) scholarship grant proposal. Barrios heartily endorses the NSF's Computer Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Scholarship program seeking to close the widening national gap in America's technically trained workforce. The University of Houston Clear Lake (UHCL) is a regional upper division and graduate-level institution and would like to participate in this national program. Houston's demographic profile, the nation's fourth largest city and the core draw area for the Clear Lake campus, suggest a strong, needy audience.

UHCL's well-developed innovative and technological programs offer a productive resource for the NSF program. Located adjacent to NASA's lead center, the Johnson Space Center, and in the heart of Houston's high tech aerospace software development complex, UHCL can offer growth opportunities perhaps unmatched by most other institutions. As examples, the university's School of Natural and Applied Sciences boasts new degree offerings in software engineering and computer information systems.

The proposal to the NSF is aimed at scholarships for disadvantaged but academically promising students majoring in computing and information technology and related technical fields.


Barrios Technology, supports this proposal effort in the following ways: a) affiliated organization for information sharing, b) active advisory capacity, c) prospective employer, d) project collaborator and e) seminar participant.

Barrios has a rich heritage and an established track record of success in providing information technology services and products to our aerospace and educational customers. To continue with such a track record will require a continued influx of qualified, well-trained candidates for employment.

Barrios welcomes the opportunity to participate in programs designed to assist our educational institutions with reaching goals that benefit students and teachers. The proposed environment will grant opportunities to the nation's underprivileged students and support up to 25 scholarship recipients each for two years.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,


Sandra G. Johnson
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April 25, 2001

Robert F. Hodgins, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Robert F. Hodgins,

Reliant Energy HL&P heartily endorses the National Science Foundation's Computer Science, Engineering and Mathematics Scholarship program which seeks to close the widening national gap in America's technically trained workforce. We understand that the University of Houston-Clear Lake, a regional upper division and graduate-level institution, desires to play a part in this national program.

As the nation's fourth largest city, Houston creates an ever expanding demand for new high tech graduates every year. Therefore, we believe that the University of Houston-Clear Lake's innovative and technologically strong academic programs offer a productive resource for the National Science Foundation program.

Located next to NASA's lead center for human space flight, the Johnson Space Center, and in the heart of Houston's high tech Ellington Field Aerospace Corridor, University of Houston-Clear Lake can offer growth opportunities unmatched by most other institutions.

As an example, the University's School of Natural and Applied Sciences boasts new degree offerings in software engineering and computer information systems, degree programs critical to the business needs of the Houston region.

Reliant Energy HL&P supports this grant effort as a firm with a long history of recruiting well qualified technically trained graduates from the University of Houston system. We urge you to give favorable consideration to the referenced

NSF grant request of the University of Houston-Clear Lake and eagerly anticipate the reality of disadvantaged but highly qualified students in the Houston region obtaining quality high tech educations through the scholarships provided with this grant.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph A. Lopez
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April 18, 2001

Robert F. Hodgkin, Executive Director
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Dear Dr. Hodgkin:

San Jacinto College North endorses the National Science Foundation's Computer Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Scholarship program seeking to close the widening national gap in America's technically trained workforce. The University of Houston-Clear Lake, a regional upper division and graduate-level institution, wants to play a part in this national program. Houston's demographic profile, the nation's fourth largest city and the core draw area for the Clear Lake campus, provide an ideal audience for this program.

UH-Clear Lake's innovative and technologically well-developed programs offer a productive resource for this NSF program. Located adjacent to NASA's lead center, the Johnson Space Center, and in the heart of Houston's high tech aerospace software development complex, UH-Clear Lake can offer growth opportunities perhaps unmatched by most other institutions. As examples, the university's School of Natural and Applied Sciences boasts new degree offerings in software engineering and computer information systems.

San Jacinto College North supports this proposal effort as an affiliated organization for information sharing, in an active advisory capacity, and as a prospective employer.

We believe that as a Hispanic Serving Institution and as a Minority Serving Institution we will benefit by the opportunities offered in this grant.

Sincerely,

Richard Bailey, Ph.D.
Vice President of Instruction
San Jacinto College North

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