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DATE: November 15, 2016
TO: Professional Tradespersons, Construction Companies and Industry Leaders
RE: W.B.C.S.D / Kirkwood College's A.C.E. Mentoring "Multiuse Building"
FROM: Kevin Hatfield, Superintendent of Schools, West Branch C.S.D

"For the last four years, according to Manpower Group, the hardest segment of the workforce for employers to staff with skilled talent hasn't been registered nurses or engineers or even web developers. It's been the skilled trades – the welders, electricians, machinists, etc. that are so prevalent in manufacturing and construction." - "Shortages Loom as Most-In-Demand Group of Workers Ages."

- Joshua Wright, Contributor, Forbes Magazine, March 7, 2013

Dear Regional Architects, Construction Companies, Engineers and Business Leaders,

As you are probably aware of, the West Branch Community School District is partnering with Kirkwood College's Architect, Construction, Engineer (ACE) Mentoring program (www.acementor.org) to provide our industrial technology students a unique, hands-on learning experience. The ACE Mentoring program (www.explore-ace.org) relies on the caring, generous giving of professional trades and business leaders like you. It involves on-site and classroom mentoring and skills development opportunities for students in high schools across America, but it won't happen without professionals like you!

The District plans to build a "multi-use, extra-curricular practice and storage building" (70'X130' facility) on the east side of our high school campus. The facility is part of our 15-Year, Master Facilities Improvement Plan. The facility will need support from companies and experts in the following areas: *concrete foundation and sidewalk support, excavation and landscaping, exterior paving and mason work, steel (hybrid-building) construction components and installation, drywall and finishing supplies and installation, roofing, insulation, doors, windows and hardware, plumbing, plumbing fixtures, electrical and lighting features, HVAC and heating components, painting, casework and fire suppression work.*

The District has a two-year goal of raising \$100,000 in in-kind donations. We would be extremely grateful for your consideration of: mentoring time (your employees with our students), construction materials, as well as any financial donations. We estimate the total cost of the building to be around \$300,000.

Since the District's first communications on this topic, many local and regional construction professionals and businesses have asked for the following information:

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1. Who is the District's main contact for construction related questions and support?

The District is grateful for the volunteer support of Mr. Nick Ford, East Region President, Woodruff Construction, L.L.C. Mr. Ford will assist with site construction coordination, as well as, support winter / spring bid procurement processes and material donation coordination. Please consider contacting Mr. Ford regarding all construction consideration. Mr. Brian Boelk, of HBK Engineering, will also provide communications support on this project.

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2. How can I / we get involved with the classroom teaching, sharing and mentoring?

We have over 30 ACE students who would be grateful to learn "what it takes" to be in your field! Please consider sharing your professional knowledge and skills in the classroom this year. We have great students waiting for your professional support. Your time in the classroom and at the construction site will have a significant impact our students! We are hopeful it can also provide you experiences with potential employees of the future! Please don't hesitate to contact our classroom instructor to schedule a time to visit.

ACE Classroom Instructor

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ACE Mentoring Volunteers Information (background check required):

Mr. Brad Thomason, Board Chair for ACE of Eastern Iowa, shared the following online mentor training program and sign-up:
<http://www.acementor.org/mentors-volunteers/mentor-training/>

3. How can I / we make tax-exempt donations toward this project?

This project could not happen without the gracious, professional support of people and companies like you. Please consider making donations of: *time, materials and a financial contribution.*

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West Branch School Foundation (WBSF)

Mrs. Klinkkammer also serves as the treasurer for the West Branch School Foundation (WBSF). Please take a moment to also consider making a tax-exempt donation to the West Branch School Foundation (WBSF), also a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization.

We hope you will consider assisting us with this important project for our students. We hope to complete the facility in the fall, 2017. Your support is needed.

Gratefully,



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