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Mr. Sean Cosgrove  
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Project Lead the Way, Inc.  
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November 29, 2018

Dear Mr. Cosgrove:

Thank you for submitting an application for funding to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. We appreciate your time and effort and your commitment to creating a better Northwest Florida.

As you may know, Triumph Gulf Coast has received many more requests for funding than can be supported with the resources available to us. Unfortunately, after a thorough review by our professional advisors, it does not appear that your proposal conforms with our process and requirements for substantially improving the economy of the eight counties disproportionately affected by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

In assessing the economic benefit of Project Lead The Way (PLTW) activities, it seems both more workable and more desirable to have school districts working with Triumph staff directly to obtain funding to use PLTW curricula and services. Applications for funding to support acquisition of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) curriculum materials, including PLTW materials, can already be submitted by school districts should they choose to do so and would be welcomed for consideration. The Triumph Board has consistently looked unfavorably on delegating authority for funding decisions to other organizations.

We are required by law to score each application as to its likely return on investment , potential for diversifying and enhancing our regional economy, and whether it meets the requirements of the organization. Proposal # 105, "Partnership to Transform STEM Education in the Panhandle", was scored as a C based on the structure of the proposed program provided in the application.

Proposals with a score of C, D, or F will not be recommended to our Board of Directors. There is no certainty that all A and B scored proposals will be funded.

We appreciate your participation and welcome any future proposals that more closely fulfill the purposes and requirements of Triumph Gulf Coast.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan J. Skelton".

Susan Skelton  
Executive Director