



Southeast Florida Utility Council

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President J. David Armstrong
Broward College
110 East Las Olas Boulevard, 12th Floor
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear President Armstrong:

We are proud to offer this letter of support in Broward College's pursuit to become an Employ Florida Banner Center for Water Resources. Broward College's nearly fifty year history of providing state-of-the-art, industry-driven training and education programs and curriculum makes the College the logical choice to become the next Banner Center for Water Resources.

We recognize that the Water Utility sector is critical to Florida's infrastructure and requires an institution such as Broward that has a high degree of expertise coupled with a remarkable ability to engage industry stakeholders to raise the expectations of quality, quantity, and alignment of the Water Resource industry training and certification system.

Broward College's strong partnership with Florida Atlantic University will allow for the integration of the continuous and emerging research and technological improvements within the industry on a continuous basis to ensure the constant relevance of the programs offered.

The Broward College Banner Center for Water Resources will raise the bar for excellence in education and workforce training. We have always valued Broward College's reputation for conducting job needs assessments, training and employee development, workforce readiness and workforce program in a manner which is highly responsive to employers' needs.

We look forward to lending our support by providing data and information regarding our utility workforce status and training needs. We stand ready to participate in any way the College requests including serving on an advisory council or steering committee. Please feel free to contact me directly should the need arise.

Sincerely,



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