



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES**

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To Whom in May Concern:

The Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) is pleased to support the CT Academy proposal created by Charter Oak State College and the CT Distance Learning Consortium. This project will create the opportunity for State employees to participate in mandatory trainings online, which is a cost effective and efficient way of providing for the State's workforce training needs. Additionally, this project is designed to address multiple State of Connecticut workforce development needs to meet the Governor's strategic priority of increasing employee efficiency and productivity.

Over the past two years, the Department's Bureau of Rehabilitation Services and Connectivity have worked closely with CTDLC to develop an online training platform for youth and job seekers with disabilities, family members, employers, educators, community providers and vocational rehabilitation staff. This ongoing project not only includes instructional design and training module development but also the creation of a registration system, software licenses, hardware investment and maintenance. The CT Academy's proposal will allow for resources to be pooled reducing the cost of the program's development, ongoing maintenance, and administration.

The Department of Rehabilitation Services is excited to support the CT Distance Learning Consortium and Charter Oak State College's development of a 21st century training platform for the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

  
Amy Porter  
Commissioner