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Dear Ms. Robinson,

As you know, the Southeastern Oklahoma State University GEAR UP Partnership is in the final year of the Phase I grant. Through your training efforts and assistance, we have become an exemplary program that is recognized on the national level. Please convey compliments to your entire staff for being fantastic partners in this effort. Also, your team has been well-organized, resourceful, and professional while locating appropriate academic enrichment programs that prepare students for college.

It is important for you to know that we recognize your efforts and because of these efforts, we are making a difference in southeastern Oklahoma. Certainly, we have the utmost confidence in your abilities. Your company has consistently worked with us in a most productive manner. Because of this successful relationship, we plan to utilize your services in the future. Specifically, we are very impressed with Kid's College which meets the goals of our program. What a great opportunity for all of us!

We are fortunate to have you on our team and look forward to more success in the future. It is through your guidance that we select programs and spend a great deal of funding with your company. It is your energetic staff, your collective contributions to in-kind matching, and your expedient follow-up that we enjoy. You are setting a high standard for others to follow.

All of us at GEAR UP applaud you for a job well done. Phase II will be an even greater challenge since we plan to serve over 20 school districts. Without a doubt, we intend to continue this great working relationship as we "gear up" to help our students be ready to enter and succeed in college.

Thank you, all, for assisting us now and in the near future.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Southeastern Oklahoma GEAR UP Enterprise Partnership is a federally funded program that works on academic enrichment programs for students, professional development for teachers and includes components that helps parents as well. It is our goal to increase the numbers of students who go to college in southeastern Oklahoma. It is so meaningful when members of the college faculty, public school educators, students, and parents all work together for the benefit of students in this part of the United States.

The Partnership and its staff look forward to assisting students, parents, teachers, and other partners about the benefits of attending and completing college. With the addition of the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP) and the contributions of the federal government, I believe the college is a strong and likely possibility for many of our students.

In order to achieve the goals and objectives of GEAR UP, we rely on our important partners for in-kind matching and other services. Along with many partners including the Choctaw Nation, the Chickasaw Nation, and Schoolware, we are able to meet the mandates of the federal government. Specifically, Schoolware has been a major contributor to the success of the program. Kathy Robinson, the CEO, along with her staff work with us in a timely and professional manner. With just a phone call, all of our needs are met immediately.

Schoolware provides the following services: Bridges.com, on-line ACT prep, and My Skills Tutor-all academic or career programs which better prepare our students for college. It is not only the actual programs but the excellent services provided by Kathy and her staff that make a difference. Please call me for a glowing recommendation!!! We have worked with many companies, but this company is exceptional! You will not be disappointed.

Sincerely,

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