



Office of the President

October 27, 2017

John Carey  
Chancellor  
Ohio Department of Higher Education  
25 S. Front St.  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chancellor Carey:

North Central State College presents the following response to the Ohio Department of Education's Request for Information regarding Applied Bachelor's Degrees.

We seek to fill a regional need by establishing a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology that would build on our successful Associate of Applied Science degree. As detailed in our application, there are no programs in north central Ohio that meet the demand for this education. Currently, students wishing to complete this degree must drive at minimum 70 miles. For working adults, this provides a barrier to their career advancement and their abilities to serve their employers. We have included evidence of support from local companies for this program. This project seeks to establish a needed academic program that will immediately benefit local employers and students and ultimately raise our region's educational attainment.

The primary contact for the submission is Dr. Dorey Diab, President of North Central State College, 2441 Kenwood Circle, Mansfield, Ohio 44906. My contact information is 419-755-4811 and [ddiab@ncstatecollege.edu](mailto:ddiab@ncstatecollege.edu).

Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Dorey Diab, Ph.D.  
President