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Anna Roach
Executive Director and CEO
Atlanta Regional Commission
229 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 100
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Executive Director and CEO Roach,

I am writing to express WorkSource Atlanta Regional's commitment as a workforce project partner for the coalition application with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) for a statewide E-Bike Voucher and Mobility Wallet Program under the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. We firmly believe in the significance of implementing sustainable transportation solutions throughout Georgia and look forward to partnering with ARC on this innovative opportunity.

WorkSource Atlanta Regional will administer an e-bike mechanic training program in partnership with local bicycle shops and a technical college in the 20-county metro Atlanta area. The program aims to train 20 new mechanics from low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in the rapidly growing e-bike industry. The cost per trainee will be \$10,000.

In collaboration with local bicycle shops and a technical college, a comprehensive curriculum will be developed, covering topics such as e-bike components, electrical systems, diagnostics, repairs, and maintenance. The curriculum will include both theoretical and practical components to ensure a well-rounded learning experience. The program will recruit 20 participants from LIDACs through a targeted outreach campaign in partnership with our community-based outreach partners.

Participants will attend classroom sessions where they will learn the foundational knowledge required for e-bike mechanics. The classroom training will cover topics such as e-bike anatomy, battery technology, motor types, and safety procedures. Local bicycle shops will provide hands-on training opportunities for participants. Under the guidance of experienced mechanics, participants will gain practical experience in diagnosing, repairing, and maintaining e-bikes. They will work on a variety of e-bike models and brands to develop a broad skill set.

The e-bike mechanic training program will be conducted over the first 24 months. The timeline includes curriculum development and participant recruitment in the first year, followed by two cohorts of classroom training at the technical college. The final months will be dedicated to hands-on training at local bicycle shops, assessments, and job placement assistance.

Thank you for considering our endorsement of this important initiative. We are eager to collaborate and contribute to the realization of a cleaner, greener, more connected Georgia.

Sincerely,



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