

August 16, 2001

Mr. Tom Hunter
Executive Director
Appalachian Regional Commission
1666 Connecticut Avenue Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20009-1068

Dear Mr. Hunter:

Enclosed is a request for funds from the Mississippi State Extension Service Food and Fiber Center in the amount of \$7,375 to provide scholarships to twenty small manufacturers for the 2001 Lean Manufacturing Conference. This activity was identified in our Fiscal Year 2001 Mississippi Technical Assistance Grant under Strategic Planning and Implementation of a Regional Technology Environment throughout Appalachian Mississippi. This project is consistent with Goal 4, State Objective 1 and Strategy 4.1.4.

Thank you for your continued support on our Mississippi projects. If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Bill Renick
ARC State Alternate