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It is at this time, PCCTI would like to submit this petition to CARLI for presentation to the consortial. After much research, the school has determined that the membership would be mutually beneficial. As PCCTI continues to grow, more students enroll, additional programs are implemented, and the need for expansion of resources emerges. CARLI's Statement of Values coincides with the Mission of PCCTI which is:

PCCTI – IT and Healthcare aspires to be the outstanding, world-class college in the nation; a center for learning providing excellence in both teaching and research. We will be a center for intellectual pursuits offering the citizens of Illinois, the nation, and the rest of the world the highest quality educational services. The creative endeavors of our faculty will provide the foundation upon which we build a challenging intellectual environment for all students. We will examine all we do with a global perspective in recognition of the exponential increase in knowledge in a rapidly changing world.

The School will focus its efforts on ensuring that the student experience fosters the transmission of knowledge and inspires intellectual curiosity in each student. The experience will be oriented to ensure a positive, productive and responsible student life. We will create an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect enabling each community participant to benefit from the School's resources. We shall recognize our ever-changing leadership role as a flagship School to provide and facilitate educational services for all those seeking to expand their intellectual horizons.

PCCTI will serve the state and its citizens in a manner that enhances the social and economic well-being of its communities. It will do so by providing leadership in the pursuit and dissemination of knowledge to all its constituents, recognizing that the continual transmission of knowledge and lifelong learning are essential to the nation's future in a global context. It will seek to enhance the quality of life and the economic well-being of the community.

The purpose of CARLI is to provide information and resources to those who desire to become informed. PCCTI possesses the need to have limitless resources for its students. PCCTI operates on open enrollment. There are no semesters or quarters. Classes are scheduled on a regular basis. Presently, PCCTI has 438 student attending classes (IT & Healthcare). Students come from the city of Chicago and suburbs to the North, South, and West. Location only limits the schools population as to how far a student is willing to travel to attend a program. The student population also expands into Indiana in conjunction with the approval of the Indiana Workforce Development and an effective marketing strategy. Location does not influence the portion of

students who opt to take online courses. PCCTI, in partnership with Gatlin Education Services, offers additional courses which may be completed in their entirety online. The school does not typically offer classes online which are available in the physical setting as these classes are deemed to be more effective with visualization and hands-on learning. Students range in age from 16 to 60 and represent an array of ethnic diversity.

PCCTI's physical facilities are state-of-the-art, orderly, and professional. All classrooms are equipped with new Pentium IV 3Ghz, 2Gig RAM, top-of-the-line computers with 17" LCD Monitors, Projectors, and surround sound. The Healthcare labs are also equipped with GE Logic Pro 5 color 2D Ultrasound machine, Accuson Ultrasound machine, hospital beds, prosthetic Phlebotomy arm, scales, vital sign equipment, Marquette 8 EKG machine, and a wide array of other practical lab equipment necessary to facilitate the transformation of learned knowledge into applied skills. PCCTI is working to expand its current facilities. The Oak Brook location has added an LPN laboratory, cafeteria, lounge area, resource library, and WiFi internet access. The Chicago location is moving into a larger space in the current facility. The areas will more than double the current floor space of the Chicago location.

PCCTI is currently working with several organizations for accreditation. Currently, we are approved through the Illinois State Board of Education. As of Friday, March 2nd, 2007, PCCTI's LPN curriculum has been approved by the Illinois Department of Federal and Professional Regulation (IDFPR). The program will be implemented into the current course offerings. PCCTI is also expected accreditation through the North Central Association (NCA) by March-end. The school is also working with ACCET to obtain accreditation. The self-study report has been submitted to them and is awaiting board review. Another objective of the school is to acquire the ability to grant the Associates in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Echocardiography, Computer Networking, and Computer Programming. PCCTI is currently working with the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) towards application completion. In the future, PCCTI will also expand its curriculum to include various programs. The school is considering several options such as Surgical Technician, MRI Technician, Registered Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, Dental Assistant, and etcetera.