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Mr. J. David **Armstrong, Jr.**
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Florida Community Colleges & Workforce Education
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325 West Gaines Street
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Dear David:

On behalf of the Daytona Beach Community College **District** Board of Trustees, I am pleased to present our request for Special Purpose Center site **designation** to establish a new corporate training and conference center in the Tri-Cities area of Southwest Volusia County.

This planned \$22 million facility is the result of the formation of a partnership between the cities of Deltona, **DeBary** and Orange City, the County of Volusia, the West Volusia Chamber of Commerce, and DBCC. The facility will be financed by the municipalities, local business and industry and matching funds from the State of Florida. **The** land has been donated to DBCC **from** Volusia County. DBCC will serve as the legal owner of the land and facilities and will serve as fiscal agent for the joint-use project.

DBCC's primary benefit will derive from the corporate training and other educational **services** that DBCC will offer through the facility, as well as the close relationship that has been forged with the County and the municipalities in West Volusia County in support of economic development.

The proposal is attached, prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Florida Department of Education.

By copy of this letter, we are asking that the State Board of Education approve our request for Special Purpose Center site designation at its next meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Kent Sharples".

D. Kent Sharples
President

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cc: Ron Fahs, Division of Community Colleges

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