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Dear Mr. Rorex:

On behalf of the Office of Apprenticeship, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your participation in the *Innovation and Creation of Green Jobs* webinar. Your presentation on the newly developed Wind Turbine Technician and Geothermal and Well Drilling Operator occupations provided our National Office, State Apprenticeship Agencies and Field staff with an insightful view as to how the International Union of Operating Engineers is addressing the challenges and opportunities in advancing Registered Apprenticeship into the 21st Century.

As you are aware, the U.S. Department of Labor recently celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the country's first Registered Apprenticeship System. While we embrace the legacy of Registered Apprenticeship, we are equally excited about the wealth of new and innovative ways to make it an integral component of the 21st Century workforce.

Again, we thank you for your participation and we look forward to collaborating with you on future endeavors.

Sincerely,


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cc: Mr. Martin D. Turek