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RE: Youth Inquiry Development Program

To the FedDev Review Panel:

Please accept this letter as an indication of [organization]'s interest in the expansion of the Youth Inquiry Development Program currently piloted in Niagara to London, Ontario. The establishment of the Youth Inquiry Development Program in London will increase the number of youth involved in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) opportunities in Southwestern Ontario.

The successful pilot of the Youth Inquiry Development Program in Niagara, has sparked much interest in initiating the program in London. Current STEM programs operating in London include a Regional Science Fair, which is held annually in late March or early April, as well as an annual Science Olympics competition in May. As the Youth Inquiry Development Program is designed to engage students in active thinking and doing hands-on research, I am confident that the implementation of this program in London will have a positive impact on student participation in these STEM initiatives as well as encourage more youth to pursue education and careers in STEM fields. The increased participation rates, as a result of the Youth Inquiry Development Program, will also lead to an increase in the number of skilled workers in the future.

My personal experiences with STEM activities are that they build critical and analytical thinking skills in addition to relationships between youth and the local STEM academic and business communities. The [organization] fully supports the Youth Inquiry Development Program and we intend to work in conjunction with Youth Science Ontario and the University of Western Ontario to plan, coordinate and implement the Youth Inquiry Development Program in London in the coming years. If you require any additional information regarding my support of this program, please feel free to contact me at [email].

Sincerely,

[name]