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Dear Future Consortium Representative:

This letter comes to you as an invitation to commit your institution to membership in the Midwest Consortium for Service-Learning in Higher Education. Since 1997, sixteen representatives from private and public colleges and universities located in Nebraska and South Dakota have been working collaboratively to increase both the quality and quantity of service-learning on their respective campuses. The Consortium has served as an important source of financial and technical support for the advancement of this very important pedagogy.

The Consortium is currently working with three years of funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service. These funds are used to support activities such as regional professional development opportunities for faculty and staff, community agency certification programs, research activities and financial incentive packages for faculty who integrate service learning into existing curriculum. To further stimulate the growth of service learning activities at member institutions, it is anticipated that faculty, student and institutional sub-grants totaling \$242,000.00 will be available annually.

Enclosed you will find materials which will explain the concept of service learning, the mission of the Midwest Consortium for Service Learning in Higher Education and identify institutions who have participated in past Consortium activities. To commit your institution to membership in the Midwest Consortium for Service Learning in Higher Education, please complete the attached Commitment Statement and return it to me at 200 Nebraska Union, Lincoln, NE 68588-0453.

If you have any questions about the Consortium, the grant, or the implications of institutional commitment, please contact me at 402/472-9638 or by email at [gheusel@unlnotes.unl.edu](mailto:gheusel@unlnotes.unl.edu)

Sincerely,  
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