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Ms. Marcia Braundy
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Dear Ms. Braundy:

Thank you for your letter regarding your plans to establish a national women's trade and technical school. It is apparent that the national conference last fall served as a catalyst for establishing contacts across the country and initiating a major project to provide trades and technology training to women.

In my view, the concept of a national school of trades and technology for women warrants serious consideration. I would, therefore, like to make a few suggestions.

As you may know, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, Minister of Employment and Immigration Canada, announced the Labour Force Development Strategy on April 11, 1989. Two key elements of this Strategy are human resource planning and an increased emphasis on training, including occupational integration of women. You will be interested to learn that the government will make funds and technical expertise available to promote the expansion of human resource planning and training. This includes support for the establishment of national occupational training centres. Further, the government will be undertaking a consultation process over the next few months to discuss the design and implementation

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of the Labour Force Development Strategy with the various sectors that play a major role in Canada's labour force - labour, business, provincial/territorial governments, training institutions, special interest groups and individual Canadians. These consultations provide you with an opportunity to discuss your plans to establish a national school of trades and technology for women and to recommend ways in which the Strategy can be used to increase the number of women enrolled in trades and technology programs. I have enclosed a package of material on the Labour Force Development Strategy. For further information on the consultation process, contact:

Mr. Arthur Kroeger
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If you have not already done so, you may wish to consider applying for organizational funding from the Women's Program, Secretary of State. The objectives of the Women's Program are to promote public understanding of women's equality issues, assist the organizational development of women's groups working toward equality for women, and encourage institutions to incorporate women's equality concerns in their decision-making structures, policies and programs. For further information, contact:

Ms. Judy Wright
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The establishment of a national school is a major undertaking. You may wish to establish a special advisory committee, or "blue ribbon" committee, comprised of eminent women from across Canada, who would provide expert advice throughout the developmental stages of the school.

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In closing, I wish you every success with your project. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay Stanley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "K".

Kay Stanley
Co-ordinator

Enclosure

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