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Re: Upcoming retirees needed for program that helps science and engineer retirees become teachers

Dear Colleague:

SEARCH (**Scientists and Engineers Alternative Routes to Certification & Hiring**) is a project designed to prove the feasibility and success of **transferring retired aerospace technicians and engineers into public school teachers**. The goal is to show that with such a program we can help curb the growing shortage of science and math teachers in the California public school system.

This is an excellent program because it allows the space enterprise community to step up and be a part of the solution to this drastic state problem.

In partnership with the California Troops to Teachers Program, the project has already lined up schools throughout the state which are willing to train and hire the teacher recruits we identify through this effort. Our project will utilize existing alternative credentialing methods approved by the State. What we need now is to access those upcoming retirees from our industry who are interested in pursuing a second career in teaching.

***Your help is needed to connect us with the appropriate Human Relations officials within your organization so that the SEARCH team members can approach them to discuss this project further. *Any doors you might open to affect this dialogue would be greatly appreciated. Once you've laid the groundwork for us, please let us know with whom to follow-up so that we can ensure the success of this concept.**

Once proven, we intend to take the effort statewide and to seek support and recognition from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. But to ensure his attention we need your help and the involvement of your organization first.

For more information please see the attached SEARCH brochure.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this email.

Sincerely,

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