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(VIA FACSIMILE)

TO: Dr. Andy Griffin, Provost, University of Southern Mississippi  
FROM: Kelly Riley, Policy Liaison  
DATE: May 13, 2002  
SUBJECT: Pew Partnership's *Leadership Plenty* Initiative

It was a pleasure to discuss this opportunity with you on the phone. As Governor Musgrove will serve as the Chairman of the Southern Growth Policies Board (SGPB) next year, we are excited that SGPB is interested in having a Mississippi institution involved in the project.

The Pew Partnership has established its new *Leadership Plenty* initiative, which consists of a set of materials that the Partnership has created to help communities develop grass root leaders. Pew is seeking 10 national implementation partners for the program and SGPB is interested in applying to be such a partner and in adding an economic development focus to Pew's materials. In order to apply to be such a partner, SGPB must identify five specific sites and/or groups that would implement the leadership program during the next year. I hope that USM will accept our offer to serve as one of SGPB's five implementation sites.

The Pew Partnership will provide the following for each site:

- The Leadership plenty program materials (full facilitator's guide) at no charge
- "Train the trainer" instruction for one staff person at a two-day conference in Richmond in July. Pew will over the costs of lodging, meals, and materials, but not travel.
- Technical assistance to help the community or organization implement the program
- Facilitation of a "learning community" to help facilitators share ideas with other sites

Thus, each site will have to pay for travel to the Richmond conference and for implementation of the program at the local level. I have attached a summary ([www.pew-partnership.org/pdf/leadershipPlentyOverview.pdf](http://www.pew-partnership.org/pdf/leadershipPlentyOverview.pdf)) of *Leadership Plenty* for your review. Linda Hoke (919-941-5145) of SGPB's staff can also provide additional information.

As I explained during our conversation, SGPB is facing a Wednesday deadline. It is urgent that I receive your response by 10:00 tomorrow morning as to if USM is willing to serve as one of SGPB's five sites. My direct number is 601-359-2528 and my email is [kriley@governor.state.ms.us](mailto:kriley@governor.state.ms.us).

Thank you!