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Dear Ms. Stokely,

On behalf of the University of Central Missouri, I am submitting this letter as an expression of interest in hosting the June 2024 Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) Meeting at the Missouri Innovation Campus (MIC) in Lee's Summit.

As you know from having recently toured the MIC along with Commissioner Boggs and Director Carter, this facility and the programs housed therein have much to offer not only for our students but also for the entire State of Missouri. The unique partnership between the business community, local school district, community college, and UCM coupled with the resources available through the MIC provide an innovative learning environment. Should the CBHE meeting be held at the MIC, we would be happy to provide a short presentation and host a tour to highlight what we provide and accomplish through this Lee's Summit campus.

The Missouri Innovation Campus is located at 1101 NW Innovation Parkway in Lee's Summit and offers meeting spaces and audio/video capabilities that will accommodate the traditional set up used for the CBHE two-day meeting format. Holiday Inn Express is conveniently located next door, and the Lee's Summit community offers a wide variety of restaurants nearby to accommodate the Board. We also maintain an extensive list of catering services that would provide appropriate services for the on-site meetings.

It would be an honor to host the June 2024 CBHE meeting at the Missouri Innovation Campus, and I believe both Board members and our colleagues would enjoy meeting there. We would be happy to roll out the red carpet for the CBHE and Department!

Sincerely,

Roger J. Best, Ph.D.  
President