## ATTACHMENT A

## APPLICANT:

The Foundation Schools, Inc. ("The Foundation Schools") is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1975 and operated as a psycho-educational program for young people with severe emotional disabilities. Due to shifts toward community based psycho-educational services, The Foundation Schools has concentrated its efforts on its two highly intensive day-schools. The Foundation Schools' campus located in Largo, Maryland and The Foundation School of Montgomery County serve some of the most challenging students in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area who struggle with severe emotional disabilities such as: depression, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and bipolar disorder. Public school systems refer students that require intensive needs to The Foundation Schools. During the 2013 and 2014 school year, The Foundation Schools served a total of three hundred fifty-one (351) students; two-hundred thirty-eight (238) students at the Largo campus and one hundred thirteen (113) students at the Montgomery County campus.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Foundation Schools applied for fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) in Community Investment Tax Credits ("CITC"), which would enable the expansion of its Career Connections Program and its Foundation Links Program.

The Career Connections Program supports students' successful transition from The Foundation Schools to post-secondary education or to the workforce. The Foundation Schools supports and equips its students with skills that would allow them to compete in the workforce, such as: time management strategies, appropriate business attire, business communication skills, interviewing techniques, and hands-on job experience through in-school and community-based internships. For students seeking a post-secondary education, The Foundation Schools' staff guide students through the college application process, prepares students for the SAT and takes students on tours of colleges and universities.

The Foundation Links Program helps students to avoid future incidents of nonattendance, truancy and dropout. Through home-based and after school outreach interventions, The Foundation Links Program connects students and their families to quality community-based resources. For those students who do not have the means to seek private therapeutic care, The Foundation Links program introduces accessible resources including consultation with The Foundation Schools' psychiatrists. The Foundation Links Program provides crisis intervention services, such as: food and clothing; transportation; and in-home therapeutic services. The Foundation Schools' staff works very closely with its psychiatrists, families and pharmacies to achieve positive results.

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