ATTACHMENT 2

**Proposal Narrative**

Limit to five double spaced pages. Please provide a proposal narrative that includes the following:

* Describes a plan of work for developing a consortium and a Grow Your Own program that will be eligible for implementation grants under 23 Illinois Administrative Code Part 1085;
* Provides evidence that at least a subset of the teachers typically prepared by the institution seeks employment in communities where hard-to-staff schools are located;
* Demonstrates that the institution is not applying for funding on behalf of an existing consortium that is currently serving a group of candidates under a model substantially similar to that described in the Act and that further information is needed about the specific barriers that exist with respect to enabling individuals with a long-term commitment to those communities to complete teacher preparation; and
* Demonstrates need by a hard-to-staff PreK-12 district for teachers in hard-to-staff positions.