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Belle Wheelan, Ph.D.
President
Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan,

I am writing to notify you that The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) is seeking approval from The University of Texas System and The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a new Bachelor of Science in Construction Management degree. The program is scheduled to begin in December 2016. The BS in Construction Management is 120 semester credit hours.

This new degree is a complement to existing programs already offered by the Department of Civil Engineering, including a BSCE, MS, MENG, and Ph.D. in Civil Engineering, a BS in Architectural Engineering, and an MS in Construction Management. The department and program have existing expertise in the content of the BS in Construction Management. All courses in the program will be taught by qualified faculty. An additional tenure track faculty member and a full-time senior lecturer are being hired now, and four more senior lecturers will be hired in the next four years, as the program is expected to grow.

At present, there is no BS in Construction Management in the North Texas area. UT Arlington is located in the heart of one of the largest Texas population centers, Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW), with an estimated population of 6.35 million. In the area, there are a large number of engineering and construction firms and high profile construction projects. The proposed BS in Construction Management program will be responsive to the present and future needs of industry, state, and federal government. Students who graduate with a B.S. in Construction Management will be prepared to apply principles of construction, planning, scheduling, and job costing to buildings and other structures and have many career opportunities within the DFW and national arenas.

The BS in Construction Management degree would be reviewed along with other engineering programs by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), and will seek accreditation as soon as we have an estimate of our first graduates. We expect this to be in the spring of 2019.

Should you need additional information, please contact Dr. Loraine Phillips, lorainep@uta.edu or call 817-272-3365.

Thank you for your assistance,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "V. Karbhari".

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President

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