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Re: UWW Growth Agenda

I am a strong supporter of the UWW safety program as many of my staff members have been educated at UWW, graduating from the safety program. With that in mind I am writing in support of expanding the program with an online offering of the Masters in Safety.

The community has a strong need for this type of program as many employers look for safety professionals to control cost. They find themselves with employees that do not have a formal safety education, but possess other skills and are willing to educate these employees through a masters program such as that at UWW. The obstacle the potential students find is the logistics of UWW. By offering an online option the program will be able to reach a larger audience that is in need of this formal education.

With the need to control costs within industry more employees are looking for safety professionals who can provide that cost savings in order to be competitive. With the limited number of safety programs in the state and region, the need for an online Masters program is in strong need. By offering a program online UWW will be able to attract these potential students within the region and beyond due to the strong reputation of the present UWW safety program.

As an employer of UWW Safety Graduates, this would be a great asset.

Sincerely,

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