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Dr. Allen E. Koenig
Senior Partner
R.H. Perry and Associates

Dear Dr. Koenig:

I am honored to have been nominated and named as a semifinalist in the search for the President of University of New Orleans. New Orleans is one of America's great cities, and the unique and challenging opportunity to lead the university bearing the city's name is an attractive one.

As a result of a thorough evaluation in a very short period of time, however, I've come to the difficult decision to withdraw from the search. I have a tremendous situation here at Northern Illinois University, and the fit would have to be perfect for my family and me to leave at this time.

I've appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the University of New Orleans and the University of Louisiana system. I wish to thank UL President Randy Moffett, members of the search committee and you and your staff for their consideration.

I wish UNO and the extended university family all of the best on this important search.

Sincerely,



Raymond W. Alden III