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Lee J. Shirey  
Economic Development Representative for Michigan and Wisconsin  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
230 S. Dearborn Street, Suite 3280  
Chicago, IL 60604

RE: EDA Local Technical Assistance Grant for CRBC Feasibility Study

Dear Mr. Shirey,

The City of La Crosse is pleased to support the Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, Inc. (WWWDB) and Coulee Region Business Center, Inc.'s (CRBC) application for an EDA Local Technical Assistance Grant. The grant will allow for a feasibility study to determine the most effective and efficient way to expand the capacity of the CRBC to better serve the entrepreneurs in our region and to take advantage of existing resources to promote advancement in technology and artificial intelligence capabilities in the region. The potential addition of a transitional jobs worksite program to the CRBC greatly enhances the ability to meet the workforce demands of the region and effectively leverages all available resources.

The City of La Crosse is committed to being a partner in both the feasibility study and the CRBC expansion project if funded. For the purposes of the feasibility study, the City of La Crosse will provide \$15,000 in cash match. The source of the cash match is contingency funds. This match will be fully committed, unencumbered and unrestricted for use as non-federal match. The attached draft resolution will be brought forth at the Common Council meeting scheduled for September 14, 2017.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Very Sincerely,

Tim Kabat, Mayor  
La Crosse, Wisconsin