



LANSING REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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To: Economic Development Administration (EDA)

Re: Letter of support for Lansing Region Tech Hubs application

I am writing on behalf of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, an organization based in Lansing, Michigan. Our organization is the Lansing region's trusted and transformational business leader, ensuring sustained prosperity for businesses and enriching our diverse community. This letter is intended to express our collective support for the Lansing Region Tech Hubs application.

In our engagements with the consortium, we have been informed of the organizations' shared vision for the Lansing region to become a global hub for advanced materials and particle acceleration by leveraging its uniquely skilled workforce and world-class research assets. The centerpiece of this vision is the Lansing region's plan to develop a 120,000 square foot Applied Research and Innovation Center near the campus of Michigan State University to house corporate innovation, incubation, acceleration, and equitable programming under one roof.

We believe the economic growth stemming from this project will prove beneficial to communities in the Lansing region, especially within historically underserved communities. We as an organization are supportive of the consortium's commitment to creating significant, equitable economic impact for the entire Lansing region.

We believe that this project will position the Lansing region as a global leader in advanced materials and particle acceleration and, as a result, represents an important step towards ensuring the United States protects vital economic and national security interests in the years to come. Advanced materials such as synthetic diamonds have applications across a multitude of high-tech and defense-related sectors, including quantum computing, advanced optics, and microelectronics. Michigan State's Facility for Rare Isotope Beams hosts the world's first superconducting cyclotron particle accelerator for chip testing. We see the investments being made in support of these technologies as a path towards building a foundation for a vibrant and sustainable future for the Lansing region and the United States more broadly.

We have reviewed the Lansing region's application and are committed to and excited about executing our roles, responsibilities & commitments related to the Tech Hub. We strongly

recommend that the EDA support the Tech Hubs application to develop a world-class hub for advanced materials and particle acceleration. This is an important project that will help drive substantial, equitable economic impact in the region and protect national economic and security interests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Daman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "D".

Tim Daman
President & CEO
Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce