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Re: EDA Award Number: 04-79-73000, ARRA Funded Infrastructure
City of Gadsden, AL

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Gadsden and the Gadsden Water Works filed a joint application for funding of the Keystone Water & Sewer Improvements project. This project will consist of installation of 4,600 linear feet of 24" ductile iron sewer main and 4,800 linear feet of 16" water main. The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,344,560, with the City providing the required 50% match. In addition, the City, in partnership with the State of Alabama, will spend more than \$3 million to 4-lane Airport Road, which includes bridge replacement and other improvements.

The utility and road improvements will permit Keystone Foods and Southern Cold Storage companies to construct new facilities, with a combined capital investment of \$127 million. Approximately 170 jobs will be created and 520 retained. The new infrastructure will support development along Airport Road and at the nearby Northeast Alabama Regional Airport.

As mayor of the City of Gadsden, I hereby certify that the above-referenced project has received the full review and vetting required by law. I accept responsibility that the infrastructure investment is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars.

Sincerely,

Sherman Guyton
Mayor

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