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RE: ARC POWER 2020 Grant Application – Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative (One East Kentucky)

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Dear Mr. Sexton,

At the local level, Appalachian Industrial Authority, Inc. exists to facilitate economic development and create job opportunities by working with local officials and agencies by promoting the Gateway Regional Business Park to new businesses and industries in Letcher, Pike, Knott, and Floyd Counties in Kentucky. We are a proud partner of One East Kentucky and your efforts to recruit and retain business and industry throughout Eastern Kentucky and are happy to work with you and your team implementing strategies and developing assets to help our community be more competitive in the global market. It is the mission of the Appalachian Industrial Authority, Inc. to improve the economic opportunities for citizens within the region.

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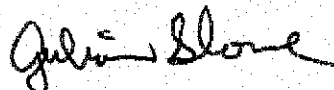
VACANT,
Knott County

Appalachian Industrial Authority, Inc. promises to support this project by: assisting in potential company site visits in conjunction with One East Kentucky; participating in update meetings with One East Kentucky and your board of directors related to the Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative project; facilitating relationship-building and participating in meetings with existing targeted industries in our community; and reporting on impact metrics relative to gauging the success of this ARC-funded program.

If there are any questions regarding our support of this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at laspenas@gmail.com or 606-436-3158.

941 N. Main Street
Hazard, Kentucky
41701

Sincerely,



Julian Slone
Chairman

Phone: 606-436-3158
Fax: 606-439-2261



March 11, 2020

Mr. Chuck Sexton, President, and CEO
One East Kentucky
513 Third Street, Suite 100
Paintsville, KY 41240

RE: ARC POWER 2020 Grant Application – Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative
(One East Kentucky)

Dear Mr. Sexton,

At the local level, Big Sandy Community & Technical College (BSCTC) exists to work with local employers to help create an educated workforce both for new and incumbent workers. This is important to attract new industries the counties BSCTC serves. These counties are Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, and Pike. We are a proud partner of One East Kentucky and applaud your efforts to recruit and retain business and industry throughout Eastern Kentucky. BSCTC is happy to work with you and your team implementing strategies and developing assets to help our community be more competitive in the global market. Economic development is essential to our region because of the loss of jobs in the coal industry. There is a significant outmigration of families from our communities because they cannot find jobs with livable family wages. Many hard-working individuals are looking for opportunities so they can stay in Eastern Kentucky.

Big Sandy Community & Technical College promises to support this project by assisting in potential company site visits in conjunction with One East Kentucky; participating in update meetings with One East Kentucky and your board of directors related to the Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative project; facilitating relationship-building and participating in meetings with existing targeted industries in our community; and reporting on impact metrics relative to gauging the success of this ARC-funded program.

I am proud to be affiliated with One East Kentucky and the excellent work they are doing to revitalize Eastern Kentucky. If you any questions regarding our support of this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at sherry.zylka@kctcs.edu or 606-791-1066.

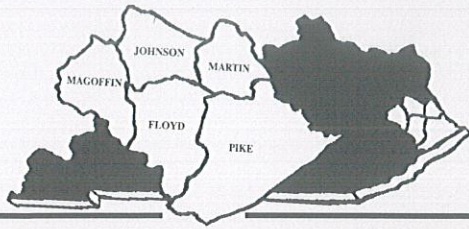
Sincerely,

Dr. Sherry Zylka
President/CEO
Big Sandy Community & Technical College



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President/CEO

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BIG SANDY
AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.
110 RESOURCE COURT
PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653

March 17, 2020

Chuck Sexton, President and CEO
One East Kentucky
513 Third Street, Suite 100
Paintsville, Kentucky 41240

RE: ARC POWER 2020 Grant Application – Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative
(One East Kentucky)

Dear Mr. Sexton:

The Big Sandy Area Development District has been a proud partner of One East Kentucky and your efforts to recruit and retain business in Eastern Kentucky, especially in the five counties of the Big Sandy Region. We are happy to continue working with you and your team implementing strategies and developing assets to help our community be more competitive in the global market. Your proposed Industry Cluster Growth Initiative is consistent with goals, objectives, and strategies identified in the Big Sandy Area Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Diversification of the economy, economic development, and workforce development are major components of the region's strategy to improve its economic conditions and quality of life.

The Big Sandy Area Development District promises to support this project by; assisting in potential company site visits in conjunction with One East Kentucky; participating in update meetings with One East Kentucky and your board of directors related to the Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative Project; facilitating relationship-building and participating in meeting with existing targeted industries in our community; and reporting on impact metrics relative to gauging the success of the ARC-funded program.

We gladly support One East Kentucky's efforts to complete this project and encourage the Appalachian Regional Commission to fund the initiative for the good of our region's workforce and the overall health of our regional economy.

If you have any questions or need any additional information concerning the Big Sandy ADD and our support of this initiative, please contact me at (606) 886-2374 or by email at Ben.Hale@bigsandy.org

Sincerely,

Ben Hale
Executive Director

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Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority, Inc.

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March 18, 2020

Mr. Tim Thomas, Federal Co-Chair
Appalachian Regional Commission
1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20009-1068

Dear Co-Chair Thomas:

I am writing to express the support of the members of the Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority for a grant application to the Appalachian Regional Commission's POWER Initiative for the Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative being developed by One East Kentucky. This project promises to spur further development and marketing of the regional industrial parks located across the Commonwealth of Kentucky, including the Eastern Kentucky Business Park located in Martin County. Authority members are fully committed to the region's economic development and recognize the importance of having diverse strategies to become more competitive in the global market and attract new employers to our region. We look forward to working with our counterparts, economic development professionals, and federal/state agencies to support job creation across the Commonwealth and particularly in eastern Kentucky where we have seen the greatest number of job losses.

Sincerely,



James Booth
Chairman

Coal Fields Regional Industrial Authority, Inc.

March 6, 2020

Mr. Chuck Sexton, President and CEO
One East Kentucky
513 Third Street, Suite 100
Paintsville, KY 41240

**RE: ARC POWER 2020 Grant Application – Opportunity East Kentucky:
Industry Cluster Growth Initiative (One East Kentucky)**

Dear Mr. Sexton,

At the local level, Coal Fields Regional Industrial Authority, Inc. exists to facilitate economic development and create job opportunities by working with local officials and agencies by promoting the regional industrial park to new businesses and industries in Perry, Breathitt, Knott, Leslie and Harlan Counties in Kentucky. We are a proud partner of One East Kentucky and your efforts to recruit and retain business and industry throughout Eastern Kentucky and are happy to work with you and your team implementing strategies and developing assets to help our community be more competitive in the global market. It is the mission of the Coal Fields Regional Industrial Authority, Inc. to improve the economic opportunities for citizens within the region.

Coal Fields Regional Industrial Authority, Inc. promises to support this project by: assisting in potential company site visits in conjunction with One East Kentucky; participating in update meetings with One East Kentucky and your board of directors related to the Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative project; facilitating relationship-building and participating in meetings with existing targeted industries in our community; and reporting on impact metrics relative to gauging the success of this ARC-funded program.

If there are any questions regarding our support of this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at laspenas@gmail.com or 606-436-3158.

Sincerely,



Charles Colwell
Chairman

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Philip R. Elswick, P.E.
City Manager

March 9, 2020

Mr. Chuck Sexton, President and CEO
One East Kentucky
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RE: ARC POWER 2020 Grant Application – Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative (One East Kentucky)

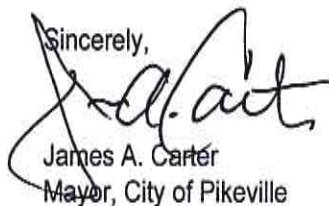
Dear Mr. Sexton,

At the local level, the City of Pikeville exists to enrich the lives of its citizens, foster economic growth for the region, support safe and healthy neighborhoods, and advance Eastern Kentucky for generations to come. We are a proud partner of One East Kentucky and your efforts to recruit and retain business and industry throughout Eastern Kentucky and are happy to work with you and your team implementing strategies and developing assets to help our community be more competitive in the global market. The downturn of the coal industry left many of our citizens burdened and looking for jobs. We know it is imperative that we make every effort to lead Eastern Kentucky in economic development and we will continue to drive opportunity in our region to make it the best it can be.

The City of Pikeville promises to support this project by: assisting in potential company site visits in conjunction with One East Kentucky; participating in update meetings with One East Kentucky and your board of directors related to the Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative project; facilitating relationship-building and participating in meetings with existing targeted industries in our community; and reporting on impact metrics relative to gauging the success of this ARC-funded program.

If there are any questions regarding our support of this project, please do not hesitate to contact the City Manager, Philip Elswick, at philip.elswick@pikevilleky.gov or 606-437-5100.

Sincerely,



James A. Carter
Mayor, City of Pikeville



April 15, 2020

Mr. Chuck Sexton
One East Kentucky
513 Third Street, Suite 100
Paintsville, KY 41240

Re: ARC Power Grant Application 2020

Dear Chuck:

I write this letter in support of the One East Kentucky (OEK) application for ARC Power Grant funding. OEK's mission to recruit industry to eastern Kentucky is of paramount importance as we seek economic diversification of the region.

The collaborative effort over the past few years between public and private entities has been remarkable, with OEK serving as the catalyst for much of the activity. OEK's focus on highlighting positive attributes of the area has generated a tremendous amount of interest, with many companies taking time to come and visit the area. Along these lines, the skill, talent, and work ethic of the area's workforce is underscored when visitors step into the eKentucky Advanced Manufacturing Institute (eKAMI), which has proven to be an invaluable marketing tool.

Should there be questions or additional information I can provide, please let me know.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Walker", is written over the typed name.

Kathy Walker

EASTERN KENTUCKY



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March 15, 2020

Mr. Chuck Sexton, President and CEO
One East Kentucky
513 Third Street, Suite 100
Paintsville, KY 41240

RE: ARC POWER 2020 Grant Application – Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative (One East Kentucky)

Dear Mr. Sexton,

The Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program (EKCEP), Inc. is the regional workforce development agency for 23 Eastern Kentucky counties with a mission to prepare, advance, and expand the workforce of the region.

EKCEP is a proud partner of One East Kentucky and your efforts to recruit and retain business and industry throughout the region. We are happy to work with you and your team implementing strategies and developing assets to help our community be more competitive in the global market. As you are well aware, our region is faced with a unique challenge following the loss of thousands of coal-industry and related jobs in the past decade. It is more important now than perhaps ever for organizations such as ours to collaborate to help ensure our economic development efforts succeed and provide opportunity for our workforce and the people of our region.

I am happy to express my agency's support for this project in the following ways: assisting in potential company site visits in conjunction with One East Kentucky; participating in update meetings with One East Kentucky and your board of directors related to the Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative project; facilitating relationship-building and participating in meetings with existing targeted industries in our community; and reporting on impact metrics relative to gauging the success of this ARC-funded program.

If there are any questions regarding our support of this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Whitehead', is written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Whitehead
Executive Director, EKCEP, Inc.

HAROLD ROGERS
5TH DISTRICT, KENTUCKY

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1705

April 14, 2020

The Honorable Tim Thomas
Federal Co-Chair
Appalachian Regional Commission
1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20009-1068

Dear Mr. Thomas,

I am writing in support my constituents at One East Kentucky who have applied for grant funding through the ARC's POWER grant initiative to expand economic development and create new jobs in Kentucky's Appalachian region.

The proposal will establish an innovative regional economic development business retention, expansion and recruitment program for targeted industries in Eastern Kentucky to grow our region's economic portfolio. We must strengthen our primary and secondary jobs and support a resurgence of advanced manufacturing, among other industries that will result in a stronger economy.

This project aligns with the mission of Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR) to improve economic development and create jobs where we need it the most. As you know, Eastern Kentucky lost more than 12,000 coal mining jobs as a direct result of the recent War on Coal. Our region is still reeling from the loss of those high-paying jobs and our communities are diligently working to rebuild and recover, an effort now more compromised during the national coronavirus pandemic.

Thank you in advance for giving full and fair consideration to One East Kentucky's POWER application according to the granting guidelines for this competitive opportunity.

Sincerely,

HAROLD "HAL" ROGERS
Member of Congress

HR/ds

PLEASE RESPOND TO:

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PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653
(606) 886-0844



March 8, 2020

Mr. Chuck Sexton, President and CEO
One East Kentucky
513 Third Street, Suite 100
Paintsville, KY 41240

RE: ARC POWER 2020 Grant Application – Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative (One East Kentucky)

Dear Mr. Sexton,

Hazard Community and Technical College is one of sixteen community and technical colleges in the Kentucky Community and Technical College. Our primary mission is to deliver education and training to the citizens and new and existing business and industry in a seven-county service area, including Perry, Knott, Leslie, Breathitt, Lee, Wolfe, and Owsley counties in Kentucky. We are a proud partner of One East Kentucky and your efforts to recruit and retain business and industry throughout Eastern Kentucky. We are pleased to collaborate with you and your team implementing strategies and developing assets to help our community be more competitive in the global market. Diversity of the economy and continued growth in targeted areas (other than natural resources extrusion) is critical to the survival of Eastern Kentucky. One East Kentucky and its partners have united Eastern Kentucky in a common mission and I am hopeful their work can continue with the help of this ARC POWER Grant.

Hazard Community and Technical College will support this project by: assisting in potential company site visits in conjunction with One East Kentucky; participating in update meetings with One East Kentucky related to the Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative project; participating in meetings with existing targeted industries in our community; and reporting on impact metrics relative to gauging the success of the program. Hazard Community and Technical College will provide customized curriculum development and training as needed for new business and industry recruited by One East Kentucky for the Industry Cluster Growth Initiative. We will also work with One East to leverage training dollars that might be possible through Kentucky Community and Technical College System's TRAINS Initiative.

I currently serve as an ex-officio member of the One East Kentucky Board, as do all the presidents of local education and training providers. If there are any questions regarding our support of this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at jennifer.lindon@kctcs.edu and 606-487-3100.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lindon, PhD
President/CEO
Hazard Community and Technical College



Dr. Jennifer Lindon
President/CEO

Hazard Community and Technical College
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March 9, 2020

Mr. Chuck Sexton, President and CEO
One East Kentucky
513 Third Street, Suite 100
Paintsville, KY 41240

RE: ARC POWER 2020 Grant Application – Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative (One East Kentucky)

Dear Mr. Sexton,

At the local level, Hazard Perry County Economic Development Alliance (HPCEDA) exists to support, promote and foster economic development in Perry County, Kentucky. We are a proud partner of One East Kentucky and your efforts to recruit and retain business and industry throughout Eastern Kentucky and are happy to work with you and your team implementing strategies and developing assets to help our community be more competitive in the global market. As the region has historically relied on the coal industry for jobs, with the continued downturn in demand for coal, we must look to diversify our economy and provide jobs for our citizens.

HPCEDA promises to support this project by: assisting in potential company site visits in conjunction with One East Kentucky; participating in update meetings with One East Kentucky and your board of directors related to the Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative project; facilitating relationship-building and participating in meetings with existing targeted industries in our community; and reporting on impact metrics relative to gauging the success of this ARC-funded program.

If there are any questions regarding our support of this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at jgrossman@arh.org or 859-226-2468.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Grossman

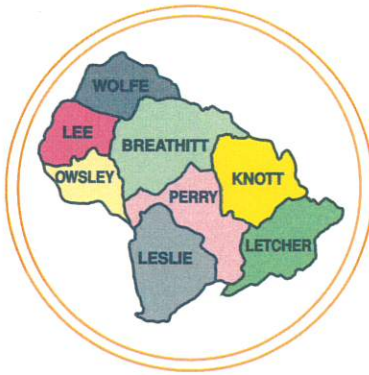
Chairman of the Board, Hazard Perry County Economic Development Alliance



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Zach Lawrence, Director

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Mr. Chuck Sexton, President and CEO
One East Kentucky
513 Third Street, Suite 100
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**RE: ARC POWER 2020 Grant Application – Opportunity East Kentucky:
Industry Cluster Growth Initiative (One East Kentucky)**

Dear Mr. Sexton,

Kentucky River Area Development District (KRADD) is dedicated to assisting local officials, agencies and our communities with facilitating economic development in our region through project planning, development, grant writing, and project management in the eight counties we serve which includes Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, Perry and Wolfe in Kentucky. We are a proud partner of One East Kentucky and your efforts to recruit and retain business and industry throughout Eastern Kentucky and are happy to work with you and your team implementing strategies and developing assets to help our community be more competitive in the global market. It is KRADD's mission to serve as an effective leader, networking with all appropriate groups and agencies, to improve the quality of life for the District.

KRADD promises to support this project by: assisting in potential company site visits in conjunction with One East Kentucky; participating in update meetings with One East Kentucky and your board of directors related to the Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative project; facilitating relationship-building and participating in meetings with existing targeted industries in our community; and reporting on impact metrics relative to gauging the success of this ARC-funded program.

If there are any questions regarding our support of this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at michelle@kradd.org or (606) 436-3158.

Sincerely,

Michelle Allen
Executive Director

Lawrence County Judge/Executive



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Mr. Chuck Sexton, President and CEO
One East Kentucky
513 Third Street, Suite 100
Paintsville, KY 41240

RE: ARC POWER 2020 Grant Application – Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative
(One East Kentucky)

Dear Mr. Sexton:

At the local level, Lawrence County Fiscal Court is dedicated in not only managing but also finding ways to improve in the economic development of Lawrence County, Kentucky. We are a proud partner of One East Kentucky and your efforts to recruit and retain business and industry throughout Eastern Kentucky and are happy to work with you and your team implementing strategies and developing assets to help our community be more competitive in the global market. With the recent decline in the coal industry, economic development is more important than ever to Lawrence County and the surrounding region. One East Kentucky has been and is a vital component toward the economic success of our region.

Lawrence County Fiscal Court promises to support this project by: assisting in potential company site visits in conjunction with One East Kentucky; participating in update meetings with One East Kentucky and your board of directors related to the Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative project; facilitating relationship-building and participating in meetings with existing targeted industries in our community; and reporting on impact metrics relative to gauging the success of this ARC-funded program.

If there are any questions regarding our support of this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at vdoty@lycomonline.com or (606) 638-4102, ext. 4.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Doty".

Vince Doty
Assistant County Judge
Lawrence County Fiscal Court



March 18, 2020

Mr. Chuck Sexton, President and CEO
One East Kentucky
513 Third Street, Suite 100
Paintsville, KY 41240

RE: ARC POWER 2020 Grant Application – Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative (One East Kentucky)

Dear Mr. Sexton,

At the local level, the Martin County Economic Development Authority exists to provide leadership in the community in order to generate new employment, help retain existing jobs and stimulate industrial and commercial growth in Martin County, Kentucky. We are a proud partner of One East Kentucky and your efforts to recruit and retain business and industry throughout Eastern Kentucky and are happy to work with you and your team implementing strategies and developing assets to help our community be more competitive in the global market.

The Martin County Economic Development Authority promises to support this project by: assisting in potential company site visits in conjunction with One East Kentucky; participating in update meetings with One East Kentucky and your board of directors related to the Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative project; facilitating relationship-building and participating in meetings with existing targeted industries in our community; and reporting on impact metrics relative to gauging the success of this ARC-funded program.

If there are any questions regarding our support of this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (606) 626-5381.

Sincerely,


James H. Booth
Chairman, MCEDA

April 14, 2020

Mr. Chuck Sexton, President and CEO
One East Kentucky
513 Third Street, Suite 100
Paintsville, KY 41240

RE: ARC POWER 2020 Grant Application – Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative (One East Kentucky)

Dear Mr. Sexton,

SOAR fully supports One East Kentucky's efforts related to the recruitment of new targeted industry and the retention of existing industry in Eastern Kentucky through the Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative ARC POWER application for 2020.

SOAR's regional mission focuses on how Appalachian Kentucky can expand job creation; enhance opportunity, innovation, and identity; improve our quality of life; and support all those working to achieve these goals throughout the region. This is a crucial time for Eastern Kentucky in which new primary industrial jobs are a priority – and a necessity – in rebuilding an economic base for a region of Kentucky that so heavily relied on coal mining. The work One East Kentucky is doing for the region means putting highly skilled former coal miners back to work in high paying jobs that will revitalize our economy.

The work to re-build the post-coal economy is a challenging priority that we're proud to be a part of. If there are any questions regarding our support of this project and how it relates to SOAR's Blueprint plan for the future of Appalachia, please do not hesitate to contact me at jared@soar-ky.org or 606.424.2048.

Sincerely,



Jared Arnett



March 06, 2020

Mr. Chuck Sexton, President and CEO
One East Kentucky
513 Third Street, Suite 100
Paintsville, KY 41240

RE: ARC POWER 2020 Grant Application – Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative (One East Kentucky)

Dear Mr. Sexton,

At the local level, Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College (SKCTC) exists to provide quality, affordable education for students largely from Harlan, Bell, Letcher, and Knox counties. We are a proud partner of One East Kentucky and your efforts to recruit and retain business and industry throughout Eastern Kentucky and are happy to work with you and your team implementing strategies and developing assets to help our community be more competitive in the global market. We serve a region challenged by poverty, unemployment, under employment, and substance addiction, one that is navigating its way through the decline of the coal industry. As a result, we strive to develop new ways to bring economic opportunity and growth into our region.

Southeast promises to support this project by: assisting in potential company site visits in conjunction with One East Kentucky; participating in update meetings with One East Kentucky and your board of directors related to the Opportunity East Kentucky: Industry Cluster Growth Initiative project; facilitating relationship-building and participating in meetings with existing targeted industries in our community; and reporting on impact metrics relative to gauging the success of this ARC-funded program.

Southeast serves as a beacon of hope throughout Southeast Kentucky. It is our honor to partner with One East Kentucky and to lend our support to this initiative. If you need additional information regarding our support of this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at Vic.Adams@kctcs.edu or (606) 589-3000.

Sincerely,

Vic Adams, Ph.D.



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