

September 8, 2015

Dear EDA,

The City of Peoria is pleased to be a co-applicant, in partnership with the EDC, Inc. The Economic Development Council for the Peoria Area d/b/a as the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council, for the submission of a 2 Year EDA Grant to support the administration of our Greater Peoria Manufacturing Cluster Strategy. These activities will include costs associated with bringing people together and offering administrative support for the work needed to build resiliency within and develop talent for our manufacturing sector.

The City of Peoria will commit \$100,000 over the two-year project period beginning 10/01/2015. These are available, non-federal, and unencumbered funds. These funds will be used to match staff salaries and travel costs. The GPEDC will provide the remaining match required of \$100,000 for the grant. The Peoria City Council has authorized the Mayor of Peoria to execute and submit the application as a co-applicant and applicable application forms and to accept the award, if offered.

The Greater Peoria Economic Development Council and the City of Peoria have a successful track record in working collaboratively on economic development strategies that benefit the City of Peoria and all of Greater Peoria. We look forward to partnering with the GPEDC and the EDA to strengthen our manufacturing sector through the implementation of this critical plan.

Sincerely,

**Mayor Jim Ardis**  
City of Peoria