

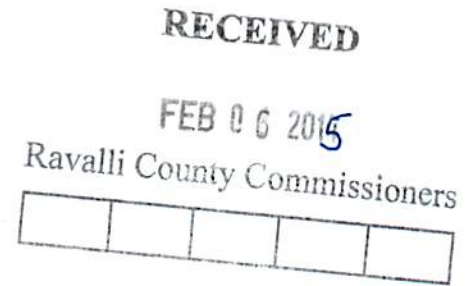
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February 2, 2015

Greg Chilcott, Chair  
Ravalli County  
215 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite A  
Hamilton, MT 59840



RE: Montana Department of Commerce's Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund (BSTF) Program, Contract # MT-BSTF-1-14-09, Bitterroot Tool & Machine

Dear Chairman Chilcott:

The Montana Department of Commerce (Department) has reviewed the documentation submitted for completion of start-up requirements for Ravalli County. Ravalli County will provide up to \$69,000.00 of BSTF funds to assist Bitterroot Tool & Machine with the purchase of equipment, software and construction materials. Bitterroot Tool & Machine has agreed to the creation of 10 net new full time jobs that meet the BSTF required wage rate of between \$13.46 and \$17.31 per hour **excluding benefits**. The BSTF contract was signed by the Department Director on July 14, 2014.

The Department has received all required documentation required for the contract to proceed. This letter constitutes a release of funds for the above contract when the appropriate number of eligible net new jobs has been created and eligible costs incurred. You will need to have documented expenses for administration or activity along with the Job Creation Certification and Project Progress Report included with your draw request.

If you need further information, please contact me at (406) 841-2792 or you may email me at: [ddavidson2@mt.gov](mailto:ddavidson2@mt.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debi Davidson".

Debi Davidson  
Program Specialist  
Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund  
Montana Department of Commerce

cc: Julie Foster, Executive Director, RCEDA

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