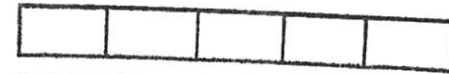


March 20, 2017

Mr. Greg Chilcott, Chair
Ravalli County Commission
215 South 4th Street, Suite A
Hamilton, MT 59840-2703



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RE: Montana Department of Commerce, Big Sky Economic Development
Program Contract # MT-BSTF-1-17-10, Everstone Sustainable Products,
LLC

Dear Chairman Chilcott;

As indicated by Governor Bullock's letter dated March 17, 2017, your application to the Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund (BSTF) Program has been approved for funding.

The Montana Department of Commerce Grant and Loan Review Committee has tentatively approved an award of up to \$22,500.00 in BSTF Job Creation funding to be used as follows:

- Up to \$20,700.00 to assist Everstone Sustainable Products, LLC with the purchase of equipment and lease rate reduction Everstone Sustainable Products, LLC agrees to create 3 net new full time jobs that meet the BSTF required wage rate of \$15.82 per hour before the value of benefits is added. Job creation activities may take place as of March 1, 2017. The contract period for this project is March 1, 2017 to March 1, 2018. 60 days prior to contract expiration, a review of the hiring plan will take place to determine the eligibility of a contract extension.
- Up to \$1,800.00 for eligible administrative expenses.

Please contact the Montana Department of Commerce prior to making any public announcement to the media.

A contract will be sent to you electronically using DocuSign for signature.

Please keep in mind that once information is submitted to the Department, the information is subject to the public's right to know pursuant to Article II, Section 9 of the Montana Constitution.

The Department reserves the right to withdraw a commitment of any BSTF funds for projects that have:

1. Not provided all requested contract information, including the job creation baseline and certification report within 30 days of the date on the Notice of Award, and/or;
2. Not returned the BSTF contract to the Department within 30 days of receipt of the final contract, and/or
3. Are not ready to proceed within 90 days after the date of tentative award.

Debi Davidson has been assigned as your BSTF Program Specialist, and will be contacting you regarding start-up activities.

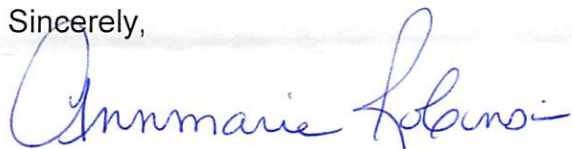
Within 10 days, Everstone Sustainable Products, LLC needs complete and submit the enclosed Status of Jobs Report for Job Creation Projects (Job Creation Report) and Job Creation Certification for Baseline jobs. All full-time employees that were employed by Everstone Sustainable Products, LLC on February 28, 2017 should be included on this report. The Job Creation Report and Job Creation Certification should be sent directly to Debi, so that she may expedite the contract process. If the business prefers to send this electronically, please use Debi's email address below.

Debi will be contacting Everstone Sustainable Products, LLC to set up the Onboarding meeting to review their application and their commitment to the project.

If you have any questions, Debi can be reached at ddavidson2@mt.gov or by phone at (406) 841-2792.

Again, congratulations. We look forward to working with Ravalli County on this project.

Sincerely,



Annmarie Robinson
Section Manager, BSTF and WTG Programs
Montana Department of Commerce

Cc: Barry Twardoski, Owner, Everstone Sustainable Products, LLC
Julie Foster, Executive Director, RCEDA

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