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Dear Mr. McKibben:


Thank you for your letter to Governor Taft. It is rewarding to hear that the Ohio Department of Development's (ODOD's) assistance has been instrumental in Leader Technologies' growth. Your mention of Chad Davie, and the rest of my staff in the Economic Development Division, is much appreciated as we aggressively assist companies like yours to invest in Ohio.

In this spirit of assisting Ohio based companies, I would like to reaffirm to you that the State of Ohio is very interested in keeping Leader Technologies in Ohio. As you know, Ohio can provide Leader with the long-term support needed for the world-class products you have developed. We in the Ohio Department of Development will make every effort to assist Leader Technologies as you grow in Ohio.

Leader Technologies is a prime example of the caliber of companies that we hope to assist with Governor Taft's Third Frontier Project. The Third Frontier Project is an extensive initiative intended to foster research and development, as well the commercialization of research and development successes. The Third Frontier Project will advance the commercialization of new technologies, accelerate development in high-wage, high-growth industries, recruit world-class researchers and foster research & development. Companies like Leader Technologies can benefit from the initiatives provided under the Third Frontier as we are committed to moving Ohio into the forefront of the technology and knowledge economy.

I encourage you to continue to work with Chad Davie on potential opportunities from the Third Frontier Project. Thank you again for your letter. I wish you the best of success and hope to continue a successful partnership with Leader Technologies.

Sincerely,



Bruce Johnson
Director

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