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U.S. Department of Commerce  
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**Re: Advanced Manufacturing Partnership for Southern California (AMP SoCal)**

Dear 2014 Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership Review Team:

CleanTECH San Diego is a proud partner in the Advanced Manufacturing Partnership for Southern California (AMP SoCal) and is pleased to provide this letter of commitment in response to the 2014 Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership notice.

CleanTECH San Diego is a business association focused on accelerating the greater San Diego region's transition to a clean energy economy. We have a broad and diverse membership that includes private sector companies, local governments, nongovernmental agencies, and universities and research institutions. Our programs are designed to support early-stage cleantech companies, deliver value to the marketplace, and ensure a workforce is readily available to meet the industry's needs. We play a key role in the workforce and training, supplier network VERB MISSING HERE?, research and innovation, infrastructure and site development, trade and international development, operational improvement, and capital access pillars of the industrial ecosystem.

We believe that the benefits of the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership will significantly increase the number and quality of jobs in the region. By coming together in one application, the proposed collaboration—with strategic affiliations in Orange County, San Diego County, and Los Angeles County—will deliver on key aerospace and defense growth strategies, such as:

- Increase productivity and value, improve visibility, and reduce variability of the supply chain, by promoting and facilitating the use of 21<sup>st</sup> Century smart manufacturing infrastructure;
- Reduce regulatory hurdles by providing one-on-one assistance;
- Enhance regional competitiveness through catalytic industry/university applied research efforts; and
- Support growth of companies through export readiness training and foreign direct investment.

We are therefore delighted to partner in this endeavor and will commit to support across the following program areas:

- CleanTECH San Diego will work with the partners to “Increase productivity and value, improve visibility, and reduce variability of the supply chain, by promoting and facilitating the use of 21<sup>st</sup> Century smart manufacturing infrastructure;”
- CleanTECH San Diego will work with all partners to “reduce regulatory hurdles by providing one-on-one assistance;”
- CleanTECH San Diego will work with all partners to “enhance regional competitiveness through catalytic industry/university applied research efforts;” and
- CleanTECH San Diego will work with all partners to “support growth of companies through export readiness training and foreign direct investment.”

The value of our programmatic and management contribution in time and effort is one full-time employee (FTE) and \$20,000 per year for two years or \$40,000 total.

Thank you for this opportunity. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Anderson", written over a horizontal line.

Jason Anderson