



Mr. John Edmond, Regional Representative
Economic Development Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Seattle Regional Office
Jackson Federal Building
915 Second Avenue, Room 1890
Seattle, WA 98174-1001

RE: FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge Notice of Funding Opportunity EDA-HDQ-ARPBBS-2021-2006976 – Phase 2

Dear Mr. Edmond:

I am pleased to write this letter of support on behalf of the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance (LVGEA) and the Southern Nevada's Build Back Better Coalition's Phase 2 proposal to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for funding to help our regional economy recover from the pandemic and build economic diversity and resiliency to mitigate impacts of future economic disasters. The proposal focuses on the growth of the Southern Nevada region's advanced manufacturing industry cluster through the advancement of four (4) tightly aligned, transformative projects with an emphasis on job creation, economic outputs, equity, and sustainability. Together, these projects will create a long-term, transformational plan for rebuilding Southern Nevada's regional economy that is fully aligned with the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs).

Haas Automation, Inc. is currently building its new factory and headquarters in the City of Henderson. The land was purchased in 2019 by our development affiliate, PEGH Nevada LLC, which has committed to the City to spend at least \$200 million on development of the property, and to generate well over two thousand new jobs at the new facility. We believe that our new facility will allow us to expand our share of the U.S. market and compete more aggressively in markets throughout the world. We are already working with the City on its new training facility, which will train and develop workers for existing and new jobs throughout the area; the City broke ground on that facility earlier this week.

Our role in assisting LVGEA with its new project will include:

- Collaborating on strategic planning initiatives to grow Southern Nevada's manufacturing and logistics industry;
- Helping to identify training and labor needs; and
- Helping to identify industry growth threats and opportunities.

Over the next ten years, our company's specific commitment includes hiring at least 2,500 full-time employees for jobs defined as "primary jobs" in the Nevada Administrative Code. These jobs will include a wide variety of opportunities for employees at all levels, including both



factory jobs, such as machinists and assemblers, and office jobs, such as engineers and accountants.

Haas Automation, Inc. looks forward to working with LVGEA and the Southern Nevada's Build Back Better Coalition on Phase 2 of this initiative. We have been working with LVGEA since our decision to expand to southern Nevada. We know LVGEA is a perfect candidate for this grant, as it is totally committed to continuing the economic development of Clark County and all of Southern Nevada.

I am happy to talk about our commitment to Southern Nevada at any time; if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (805) 278-1800 or by email at bmurray@haasenc.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert P. Murray', with a large, sweeping flourish that loops back under the name.

Robert P. Murray
CEO/General Manager