

September 15, 2021

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**

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 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).

Sunshine Minting, Inc., is world's largest private supplier of precious metals products for coinage and investment bullion to several of the largest government Mints in the world, including the United States Mint, the Royal Canadian Mint, The Royal Mint (UK) and the South African Mint. SMI now employ's 125 employees in Southern Nevada, which includes Executive, Managers, Staff and Skilled Labor. As the Global leader for the supply of these products, it is our plan to continue to grow our operation in Nevada. We will be hiring an additional 75 – 100 people for us to continue to meet the growing demand for our products in the next two years at an average wage ranging from \$22.00/hour to \$25.00/hour. Some of these new jobs are highly skilled, highly compensated positions, such as a Controller, Cost Accountant, Graphic Designers and Artists, Engineers in multiple disciplines, and others. SMI has a proven track record of also developing and promoting from within for Front Line Supervision and Entry Level Managers.

In the event this proposal is funded, our role in assisting LVGEA with this project would include:

- Collaborating on Strategic Planning Initiatives to Grow Southern Nevada's Manufacturing and Logistics Industry
- Helping to Identify Training and Labor Needs through Vocational Education at the High School Level.
- Helping to Identify Industry Growth Threats and Opportunities

SMI looks forward to working with LVGEA and the Southern Nevada's Build Back Better Coalition in this initiative. LVGEA is a strong lead for this grant, as its mission is to forward the economic development agenda and strengthen southern Nevada's economy through job creation, business attraction, and industry diversification. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [tpower@sunshinemint.com](mailto:tpower@sunshinemint.com) or via my cellphone at (208) 659-4637.

Sincerely,



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Sunshine Minting, Inc.