



April 1, 2024

Environmental Protection Agency (DPA)

Re: Letter of Commitment for the City of Omaha's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Grant

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of Heartland Workforce Solutions this letter acknowledges our organization's commitment to support and participate in the projects submitted by the City of Omaha and outlined in the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Statistical Area CPRG Implementation Grant.

Heartland Workforce Solutions is the workforce development board leading a collaborative network of individuals, employers, partners and leaders who are preparing the communities of Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties for success by connecting talent with opportunity for regional, in-demand industries.

Heartland Workforce Solutions has been the administrator of the Workforce Investment Act followed by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act since 2010 through an interlocal agreement with the counties and the Mayor of the City of Omaha as the Chief Elected Official.

Heartland Workforce Solution's role in the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) will be partnership and promotion in workforce development programs in the energy sector trades in support of City and Regional climate action goals. Heartland Workforce Solutions has recently launched a construction pathways initiative, in partnership with Trade Unions and local and national construction partners. Our organization is uniquely positioned to connect individuals seeking jobs with emerging opportunities in the region.

We hope that the EPA will approve this grant application and support the work of the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Erin Porterfield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Erin" being more prominent than the last name "Porterfield".

Erin Porterfield
Executive Director