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Dear Dr. Tomblin:

Congratulations! Per the Federal Register Notice (FRN), dated December 10, 2013, this letter is to officially inform you that your community has been designated as an Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) Manufacturing Community. This designation will last for two years, starting from the date of this letter, and thereafter, will be subject to a renewal process as outlined in the FRN.

We received more than 70 competitive applications for this designation. The strength of your plan and partnerships was critical to your region's designation as an IMCP Manufacturing Community and it will be equally instrumental as you work to grow your economic cluster and strengthen your competitiveness in the global economy. This administration looks forward to working with you over the course of the next two years to support your approaches to addressing your region's economic development goals.

Please refer to the FRN for a description of the benefits associated with the designation, including preferential consideration when applying for certain funding opportunities identified by IMCP Participating Agencies. Additional information and guidance will be forthcoming.

I look forward to working with you as we move forward to revitalize the American economy. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 482-5081.

Sincerely,

Roy K.J. Williams
Assistant Secretary of Commerce
for Economic Development