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October 12, 2021

Commissioner Steve Grove Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank Building 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200 Saint Paul, MN 55101

Dear Commissioner Grove:

The City of Marshall wishes to provide notice and request approval as per recent amendments to Minnesota Statutes 116J.431 Subd. 2. (b) and as stipulated below:

## Eligible projects.

(a) An economic development project for which a county or city may be eligible to receive a grant under this section includes:

- (1) manufacturing;
- (2) technology;
- (3) warehousing and distribution;
- (4) research and development;

(5) agricultural processing, defined as transforming, packaging, sorting, or grading livestock or livestock products into goods that are used for intermediate or final consumption, including goods for nonfood use; or

(6) industrial park development that would be used by any other business listed in this subdivision even if no business has committed to locate in the industrial park at the time the grant application is made.

(b) Up to 15 percent of the development of a project may be for a purpose that is not included under this subdivision as an eligible project. A city or county must provide notice to the commissioner for the commissioner's approval of the proposed project.

## EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section is effective the day following final enactment and applies to projects that have been funded previously under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.431.

The City of Marshall received a Greater MN Business Development Public Infrastructure (BDPI) a grant award in 2017 for assistance in constructing and completing the construction of our business development park-Commerce Industrial Park. Since early 2020, the City of Marshall has been in communication with Minnesota National Guard officials regarding future needs of a National Guard Readiness Center. After careful review and consideration by the city and the MN National Guard, interest in a 15-acre site contained in our Commerce Industrial Park is of priority by the MN National Guard for the future development. Please let this letter serve as official notice per Minnesota Statutes 116J.431 Subd. 2. (b) and we ask your approval so that the City can pursue this development further with the MN National Guard. We have included for additional information a map of the proposed area and the number of acres that would fall below the threshold of 15 percent of the total development.

Thank you for your consideration of this notice and request. If you have any questions, I can be reached at <u>sharon.hanson@ci.marshall.mn.us</u> or via my direct line at 507-537-6761.

Sincerely,

Sharon Hanson City Administrator City of Marshall

cc:

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