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Kelly Violette  
Executive Director  
Tomball Economic Development Council

Good afternoon,

Decatur Professional Development, LLC (DPD) is a Texas-based company founded in 2003 to offer licensed professional engineers online continuing education courses to meet their state's continuing education mandate.

In 2006, we expanded our offerings to include online seminars. The purchases of two competitors closed in 2016 as we acquired the website PDHcourses from Professional Development Options and a live seminar business, Professional Development Seminars. Headquarters for both businesses were moved here to Houston. More recently, we established NoonPi.com, a new concept in engineering continuing education.

Our home has been northwest Harris County since we opened, and we consider ourselves stable in the community. Our last move was necessitated when the building in which we were leasing was destroyed in the Tax Day Flood of 2016 due to a roof failure. The need to quickly find a new space caused us to rethink our needs and our space requirements.

In a similar fashion, the COVID pandemic has also caused us to creatively reimagine our business processes and needs. Our move to Tomball will allow us to handle our current staffing needs in a blended office-based / remote environment. Additionally, we will have the opportunity to add more floor space as our staff grows. Although we've not disclosed it on our application as we're still in the planning phases, our hope is to hire an additional two salespeople in the next twelve months. A location in Tomball is favorable since it will allow us to be within a short distance of several key potential clients.

We are funding the move through our current operations and are requesting assistance from Tomball EDC's Business Rental Incentive Program as a means to allow us to expand our Tomball operations and staff quickly.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



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