



The Honorable Penny S. Pritzker, Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
Herbert Clark Hoover Building
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 24, 2015

OneGorge Coalition
c/o Port of Hood River
1000 E. Port Marina Drive
Hood River, OR 97031

RE: Pacific Northwest Manufacturing Partnership application for Manufacturing Community Designation

Dear Secretary Pritzker:

The OneGorge Coalition is a network of private businesses and public agencies in the bi-state Columbia River Gorge region, advocating for regional priorities. The following participants of the OneGorge Coalition enthusiastically support the application submitted by the Pacific Northwest Manufacturing Partnership (PNMP) for designation as an Advanced Materials Sciences for Advanced Manufacturing community.

The Columbia River Gorge communities in Oregon and Washington host diverse and growing industries in advanced materials, agribusiness, food processing, forest and wood products, information technology, electronics, and other advanced manufacturing. The region's manufacturing base provides a critical a foundation of job growth, business retention and expansion, and economic resilience for our local communities and the Pacific Northwest region as a whole. This designation would strengthen the federal resources available to help catalyze our progress in the rapidly evolving global economy.

We support the PNMP's efforts to build robust connections between and within Oregon and southern Washington cities in anticipation of a stronger future in manufacturing. We echo their confidence that this initiative will produce on-the-ground benefit for manufacturing in Oregon and SW Washington.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned, facilitated by OneGorge

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