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Kelly Gilbert
Kansas City Regional Clean Cities Coalition
Metropolitan Energy Center
3810 Paseo Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64109

Dear Kelly:

I am pleased to respond to your request for interest in a partnership regarding the Department of Energy Funding Opportunity to plan for deployment of electrified vehicles and infrastructure.

For the past several months, a group of individuals representing the City of Lawrence, Douglas County, the University of Kansas, Westar Energy and vehicle dealerships have been working together to refine a local focus for implementation of electrified vehicle usage and charging. Various efforts have begun in Lawrence, including the construction of an \$800,000 Center for Design Research, a research facility on the KU campus, specifically developed for research of energy infrastructure and electrified vehicles. Additionally, Westar energy is actively working to install charging stations in its service area to serve its electrified fleet. These stations, planned for location in Wichita, Lawrence and Topeka will serve both the Westar fleet as well as the general public. An additional station is planned in Emporia to service the Westar fleet.

The Lawrence partnership has discussed a number of options for grant application which would be regionally beneficial, including a "Kansas Triangle" of charging locations serving the bulk of Kansas, following a path from Kansas City to Salina, Salina to Wichita and back to the Kansas City metro area; an "I70 Research Corridor" along I-70 from Columbia, Missouri to Manhattan, Kansas; or partnership on existing projects in the Kansas City metro area which would fund planning and eventual deployment of electrified charging stations in the Lawrence community.

At this point, we are interested in continuing dialogue with the Clean Cities Coalition and other partner agencies in what options may be developed in pursuit of this federal funding so that options for our involvement may be reviewed with our City Commission.



At this time, our investment in the project would be the staff time of city, county, KU and other staff involved in the project as an in-kind contribution.

It is my understanding that you will be working to organize a conference call of interested parties in the coming days to continue the dialogue on this grant opportunity. I would very much like to be a part of that discussion, along with Steve Stewart, the City's Fleet Manager and Eileen Horn, the joint Lawrence/Douglas County Sustainability Coordinator.

Thank you for coordinating this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cynthia Wagner".

Cynthia Wagner
Assistant City Manager

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