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January 16, 2013

Brian W. Silcott  
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RE: Goddard STAR Bond Project District

Dear Mr. Silcott:

We have received your request dated January 2, 2013 and supplemented January 9, 2013, in which Goddard requests the Secretary of Commerce, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17,160 *et seq.* as amended (the "Act"), take action to find and determine that the Goddard STAR Bond Project District is an "eligible area" within the meaning of K.S.A. 12-17,165. In your request, the Project District is comprised of a tract of land in the area around the Northwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 27 South, Range 2 West, in Sedgwick County, Kansas. A full legal description of the proposed District is found in Ordinance No. 736 attached to your correspondence. The development currently being contemplated in the District consists of a mixed use lifestyle development anchored by a multi-sport athletic complex including an Olympic style training and competition natatorium for swimming and diving, outdoor field components, destination hotels and a destination retail campus. The natatorium may offer numerous indoor/outdoor swimming, diving and other aquatic sports opportunities. All of the facilities will be designed to attract regional/national youth competitions bringing hundreds of thousands of visitors to the area every year.

Your request indicates the total cost of the Project will be approximately \$150 million and the primary attraction will be the natatorium sports campus, destination retailers and entertainment venues. The City has estimated the Project's attraction, shopping, dining, entertainment, and lodging components will generate approximately over \$100 million in annual retail sales. The Project is estimated to draw over a million visitors on an annual basis, many of whom will come from outside the State of Kansas.

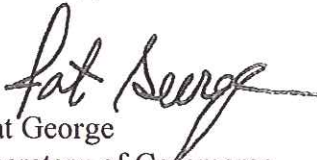
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Based on all the above, it is my determination that the proposed Goddard STAR Bond Project District may be considered a major multi-sport athletic complex or major commercial entertainment and tourism area and an "eligible area," for the purpose of establishing a STAR Bond Project District as contemplated by K.S.A. 12-17,165.

This preliminary approval and designation of the proposed Project District as an "eligible area" should not be construed as approval of any particular STAR Bond Project or Project Plan and is limited to a finding that the proposed Project District constitutes an "eligible area" under the Act as a condition precedent to the city passing an ordinance creating a STAR Bond Project District. Commerce will require additional information prior to being in a position to evaluate the Project for STAR bond financing and determining the appropriate level of STAR bond funding. It is my expectation the City will submit a proposed STAR Bond Project Plan within 90 days from the date of this approval.

We look forward to working with Goddard as this project continues through the STAR bond process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat George". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Pat George  
Secretary of Commerce