

August 29, 2018

The Honorable Rick Snyder  
Governor  
P.O. Box 30013  
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Snyder,

On behalf of Driesenga & Associates, Inc., I would like to express our appreciation for the workforce development services provided by West Michigan Works! Established in 1995, Driesenga & Associates has grown to four regional offices in Michigan with a staff of 60 dedicated employees. We are a full-service engineering firm providing clients with civil design, geotechnical engineering, land planning and surveying, in addition to construction materials testing for vital Michigan infrastructure and commercial development.

We connected with West Michigan Works! because we needed assistance to secure funding to train, certify, and ultimately help our employees gain the skills needed to grow within the company and the industry. Michigan Works! helped us obtain this funding by assisting us in the application process and guiding us through the stages of submittals and verification. Our company has benefited by working with West Michigan Works! by being able to get more staff necessary certifications than we would have been able to do otherwise. As a small business, our budget allocation for skilled training is relatively limited, so receiving this state funding gave us the opportunity to register nearly twice as many employees in these courses.

I find partnering with West Michigan Works! to be a very valuable relationship, as they have knowledge and resources that are very important to a smaller company such as ours. I hope that we can continue to lean on the organization in times of funding needs, as well as talent searches, as our company continues to grow going forward.

Sincerely,



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