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The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer
Governor
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Whitmer,

On behalf of Progressive AE, I would like to express our appreciation for the workforce development services provided by West Michigan Works! Progressive AE is a national architectural and engineering firm, designing solutions that improve spaces, places, and environments in the workplace. Progressive AE specializes in architecture, design build, engineering, interior design, landscape, planning and consulting, water resources, and universal design.

I connected with West Michigan Works! because I needed assistance with training needs. With our company having such an array of work, we need our employees to be multi-dimensional. The trainings that we sent our employees allowed us to create a more well-equipped workforce. The trainings also allowed for the individuals to add credentials to their name that will travel across our industry. Lastly, we applied for six employees who were in their first year on the job. These employees were given extensive on the job training, which will undoubtedly prepare them for success. Michigan Works! helped me reach my goal of 90% funds usage. Progressive AE stressed using the allocated funds in 2019, and our West Michigan Works! representative made sure that we were able to get that done!

My company has benefited by working with West Michigan Works! because they were able to be extremely flexible when working with us. They listened and allowed us to make the necessary adjustments to ensure near complete usage of the grant! What I find most valuable about partnering with West Michigan Works! is working with our business solutions representative. He was extremely helpful throughout the process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Van Skiver".

Mary Van Skiver
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