



August 16, 2019

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

Dear Governor Whitmer,

On behalf of Precision Aerospace Corporation, I would like to express our appreciation for the workforce development services provided by West Michigan Works! We are a high mix, low volume contract manufacturer with the skills and competency to provide close tolerance machining for the demanding aerospace industry. This means we do not produce our own branded product, but provide small batches of high quality machined parts for our commercial and defense aerospace customers. Founded in 1956, we have enjoyed over 60 years of being a part of West Michigan's growing Aerospace Industry.

After not being awarded the Going Pro Talent Fund for 2019, I connected with Kyle Tarkington at West Michigan Works! to find out if there was anything else we could do. Kyle spent time with me and found another training grant we could use, known as Incumbent Worker Training. This would allow us to accomplish our goal of training current employees into more advanced roles to operate the complex machinery we operate. We have struggled to find a lot of outside talent with the skills necessary to operate certain machines, so this was a perfect opportunity to take some of our current workers and upskill them. As a result of working together we were able to get 30 employees trained in Advanced CNC Technical training. This allowed us to meet the high demand of client orders we have, and addressed the negative impact of our talent shortage.

Precision Aerospace has benefited from working with West Michigan Works! by providing the opportunity to create the skilled workers we need, with the talent we already have. I look forward to continuing working together with West Michigan Works! to address our talent and training needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Robin Semm". The signature is fluid and cursive, extending across the width of the page.

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