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Dr. Santa Ono  
University of Michigan  
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Dear Dr. Ono:

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), on behalf of the State of Michigan, is excited to commit up to \$400 million in state support through bonding and other state programs, including, but not limited to, the Make it in Michigan Competitiveness Fund, for the establishment of a new U.S. Department of Energy Supercomputing National Laboratory, led by Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), to be located on the campus of the American Center for Mobility in Ypsilanti Township, in conjunction with the University of Michigan (UM).

This transformational project will not only have a substantial, direct economic impact on the region and the state, but will also be a magnet for future industry, government, and academic investment, will serve the local innovation ecosystem, and will have a profound impact on student and workforce development opportunities.

With the National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory in nearby Plymouth, the state's collaboration with UM and Argonne National Laboratory in the area of advanced battery development which, in part, led to the creation of the UM Battery Laboratory, longstanding partnership with Oak Ridge National Laboratory on advanced manufacturing research in composite materials, additive manufacturing and battery materials, and the recent launch of the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams, an internationally recognized DOE user facility located on the campus of Michigan State University, Michigan has a long history of hosting, and partnering with, federal laboratories to advance innovation in areas critical to national security and innovation leadership. This new laboratory will be another crown jewel demonstrating Michigan's leadership in innovation, built on the strength of our highly skilled workforce.

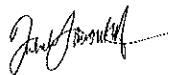
This financial commitment is contingent on agreed upon job creation, investment, federal re-investment, industry and state access and utilization (non-classified areas), and a minimum 25% match from the University of Michigan. Funding is dependent on availability of funds through the legislative budget process and contingent on the ability of this opportunity to meet state program requirements, and approval processes. In addition to the financial commitment, the MEDC will act as a state concierge to connect LANL and the lab to other state agencies, service providers, and executive, state legislative, and federal delegations as required.

The State recognizes this once in a lifetime opportunity for a uniquely important asset that will pay shared dividends for years to come. We look forward to partnering with the University of



Michigan and Los Alamos National Laboratory to move this generational project forward. Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me at [messerq@michigan.org](mailto:messerq@michigan.org) or 517-881-5861.

Respectfully Submitted,



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