

## MEMORANDUM

TO:

Delegates of the Michigan Strategic Fund ("MSF") Board for the Michigan

Business Development Program

FROM:

Joshua Hundt, Senior Regional Project Manager

DATE:

June 6, 2012

SUBJECT:

Approval of Michigan Business Development Request for \$450,000 Performance-

based Grant to:

Altronics Energy, LLC ("Applicant" or "Company")

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MBDP PROGRAM AND ITS GUIDELINES

On December 21, 2011, the MSF Board approved the Michigan Business Development Program ("MBDP") and its guidelines. The primary intended objective of the MBDP is to provide incentives to businesses that create qualified jobs, make qualified investments, or a combination of both, in Michigan.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

It is the role of the Project Management staff ("MEDC Staff") to review for eligibility, completeness, and adherence to MBDP guidelines, the information provided by the applicant and to manage the MSF's investment. Explanatory and background information is supplied in summary form to provide context for the request and is drawn exclusively from materials submitted by the applicant, and, as applicable, from other relevant third party sources utilized by MEDC staff.

HISTORY OF THE APPLICANT

Altronics Energy, LLC ("Altronics") was formed in 2010 by the owners of Altron Automation. The company's business plan was to manufacture component parts for the small wind turbines of Windtonics, LLC and to distribute small wind turbine systems through a sub dealer network. The company is headquartered in Byron Township, Michigan and currently has ten employees.

The Applicant has not received any incentives from the MSF previously.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Applicant plans to expand an existing operation in Michigan, make investments and create jobs related to a new opportunity to conduct complete manufacturing of small wind turbines as well as serve as the lead North American distributor of these turbines. The company was awarded a contract to be the contract manufacturer of the Honeywell wind turbine.

a) The Applicant is a "Qualified Business", as defined in MCL 125.2088r(9)(b), that is

located and operates in Michigan.

b) The project will be located in Byron Township. Byron Township has offered a "staff, financial, or economic commitment to the project" in the form of a property tax abatement under PA 198 of 1974. The estimated value of this abatement is not known at this time.

c) The Applicant has demonstrated a need for the funding based on the costs of moving the manufacturing of this product from Windsor, Ontario to Byron Township, Michigan. The primary competition for this project was from Windsor, Ontario and Charleston, South Carolina. Both sites offered competitive economic development incentive packages.

Qualified New Jobs above a statewide base d) The Applicant plans to create 80

employment level of 10.

e) Pursuant to the program guidelines, the following was taken into consideration for the proposed project: The company indicates job creation and capital investment will begin in 2012. Additionally, this project has a positive projected return on investment for Michigan.

INCENTIVE OPPORTUNITY

This project involves the creation of 80 Qualified New Jobs, though the Applicant anticipates this opportunity could create up to 90 jobs, and a capital investment of up to \$2,560,000 in the Byron Township. The requested incentive amount from the MSF is \$450,000 in the form of a performance-based grant. Please see below for more information on the recommended action.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

MEDC Staff recommends (the following, collectively, "Recommendation"):

a) Approval of the MBDP Proposal as outlined in the attached term sheet (collectively,

"MBDP Proposal");

b) Closing the MBDP Proposal, subject to available funding under the MBDP at the time of closing ("Available Funding"), satisfactory completion of due diligence, (collectively, "Due Diligence"), finalization of all MBDP transaction documents, and further subject to the following terms and conditions:

a. Commitment will remain valid for 90 days with approval for MSF Fund Manager

to extend the commitment an additional 30 days.

## APPROVAL AUTHORITY - MBDP SUPPORT MEMO

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The Recommendation is approved subject to Available Funding and Completion of Due Diligence, and execution of all MBDP transaction documents, all in accordance with the MBDP and its guidelines:

Note: To utilize the delegation authority granted by the MSF Board, the approval of the Chairperson, and either the MSF Fund Manager of the MSF State Treasurer Director, are required for this commitment under the MBDP:

Michigan Strategic Fund

By Michael A. Finney

Its: Chairman

By: Michael Pohnl Its: Fund Manager

By: Andy Dillon, State Treasurer

Its: Director