

June 22, 2017

Sister Cities International
915 15th Street NW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Attn: Business and Trade Section

To Whom It May Concern:

For the past several months, the City of Milwaukee's Sister Cities Committee has been researching ways to expand the scope of the Committee's mission with a particular interest in serving as an engine of economic development for both Milwaukee and our partner communities. We believe strongly that Milwaukee has much to offer in terms of resources, technology, and local human capital that would be of interest to many different communities.

We asked our internal research agency to conduct a survey of other communities on this topic and the results of this research are attached for your reference. We are now at a point where we are reaching out to other agencies to help us identify best practices and resources that could help us expand this mission. Milwaukee is a member in good standing of SCI and any assistance you could provide to us in this area would be appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ald. Russell W. Stamper, II
Chair, City of Milwaukee Sister Cities Committee

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Ms. Katy Sinnott
VP, International Business Development
c/o Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation
P.O. Box 1687
Madison, WI 53701

Dear Ms. Sinnott,

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Ms. Maria Monteagudo
Director, Department of Employee Relations
City Hall

Ms. Monteagudo,

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We asked that the Legislative Reference Bureau conduct a survey of other communities on this topic and the results of this research are attached for your reference. One item identified in this research is that many communities have hired specialists in the area of international economic development to promote mutually-beneficial economic exchanges. We think there is merit in at least considering funding and recruiting such a person.

We would therefore ask you to analyze this need and prepare a classification report for our use.

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