

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Hawkeye Community College's Smart Automation Certification Alliance Center Project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive the funding for this project is the City of Cedar Rapids, located at 1501 E Orange Road, Waterloo, IA 50704.

This funding would be used to help fund the creation of a Smart Automation Certification Alliance Center, an apprenticeship hub that will focus on short-term, competency-based stackable credentials crucial to the manufacturing industry. This center will support training workers to meet industry needs in the surrounding Black Hawk County community. There is community support for this project.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Ashley Hinson
Member of Congress
Committee on Appropriations