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Columbus Interest Group
c/o Meera Parthasarathy, AIA, LEED AP
Columbus Green Building Forum
PO Box 196
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RE: Formation of a New USGBC Interest Group Based in Columbus, Ohio

Dear Ms. Parthasarathy:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a part of the USGBC chapter network. We acknowledge your group's efforts thus far in demonstrating a critical mass of interested individuals in Columbus. We will be notifying The Heartland Regional Council about your proposed group, with the understanding that the mission and intent of your group will align with that of the Council.

We are impressed that there have been two meetings convened thus far that have had over 50 people in attendance. In keeping with USGBC's commitment to be collaborative and inclusive, we urge you to continue working with all of those interested in guiding the development of this new interest group.

Please refer to the Chapter Guidelines and Chapter Toolkit for the necessary requirements to become a USGBC Organizing Group. As Chapter Coordinator working with USGBC's Heartland Regional, I hope you will consider me a resource available to assist you as your group moves through the formation process.

The Council would like to thank everyone for all their hard work and dedication in taking these first steps toward forming a USGBC Chapter. Please feel free to contact us with any questions. We look forward to guiding you through this phase and congratulate you on furthering the green building movement throughout your region!

Sincerely,

Sara Overby
Chapter Coordinator

cc: Heather Tomlinson, Vice President of Community
Gwyn Jones, Chapter Resources Manager
Sam Pobst, Chair, Heartland Regional Council