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Ms. Erika Kluetmeier
Harbors and Waterways Section
Bureau of Railroads and Harbors
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
PO Box 7914
Madison, WI 53707-7914

Re: Harbor Assistance Program Grant Application for Maintenance Dredging the Manitowoc Harbor

Dear Ms. Kluetmeier

Please find enclosed a completed application form and supporting documentation for a grant funded under the Harbor Assistance Program. This application is being submitted on behalf of the Burger Boat Company.

The Burger Boat Company has been constructing high end luxury yachts in Manitowoc, Wisconsin for over 60 years. Over the years, the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE) have maintained the 12-foot-deep Federal navigation channel to allow for lake trials and delivery of the yachts to Burger Boat's customers. It is Burger Boat's responsibility to maintain adequate depths from their dock wall to the navigation channel. The area in front of their dock wall has filled in over the years to where the yachts cannot be moored for final outfitting. In addition, their launch well has filled in to the point where the 180-foot yacht currently under construction cannot be launched. Under this proposal, the river and launch well would be dredged to allow the current and future yachts to be constructed and launched in an efficient manner.

On behalf of Burger Boat, we are very much looking forward to your review of the application and anticipate that you will find this worthy of the State's investment.

Sincerely,

Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

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