



Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
United States Department of Energy
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Washington DC 20585

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To the attention of the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations:

On behalf of Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce. I am writing in support of the Mid-Atlantic Hydrogen Hub (MAHH) proposal focused on building a robust, sustainable, regional clean hydrogen economy that champions the principles of equitable growth, environmental benefits, as well as reliable and affordable clean energy solutions.

The Chamber is a membership organization, comprised of over 400 small and large businesses located throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan area, recognized as the voice of the region's business community on key issues of regional significance.

The MAHH is focused on delivering regional community benefits and mobilizing the Department of Energy's long-term vision of an integrated national hydrogen network. The MAHH integrates a connected portfolio of high-impact hydrogen demand and clean hydrogen production into a regional network of diverse use cases to accelerate scale, drive down costs, and spur innovation. The MAHH is strategically engaging market participants, developing solutions to meet market demand, and leveraging key market enablers to create a sustainable, diversified, commercially viable hydrogen ecosystem in Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia.

Equitable workforce development is a strategic goal of the Mid-Atlantic Hydrogen Hub. As identified in the [DMV Hydrogen Greenprint report](#), the MAHH stands to deliver, by 2030, economic and societal benefits to the region including thousands of new jobs, and a \$1.7 billion increase in annual economic activity. Our organization looks forward to collaborating with MAHH and its partners to advance critical workforce development activities and initiatives to grow necessary skills and drive significant job opportunities for the region by building strong relationships and programs with communities, universities and community colleges, organized labor, and other organizations.

The MAHH is strategically located at the heart of the U.S. east coast - with major interstates, airports, maritime and inland ports, railway networks, and pipeline networks - making it the essential connection point to integrate existing and future hydrogen systems



in the Northeast, Southeast, and Midwest. A federal investment in this region's infrastructure and workforce drives connective economic activity in the Mid-Atlantic and enables the collaborative build-out of the future national hydrogen network.

We fully support this proposal for DOE funding for the Mid-Atlantic Hydrogen Hub and believe it will accelerate economic recovery and growth, increase economic resiliency, and shape a stronger future for the region and the nation.

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to contact me if you would like further background or any other information.

Sincerely,

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