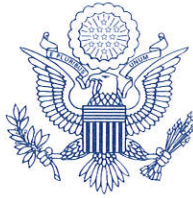


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Dear Director Anderson:

I am writing in support of the proposal entitled *Demonstration of Rare Earth Elements, Critical Materials and Supplemental Industrial Material Recovery From Coal Ash* submitted by ELIXSYS Inc. in response to DE-FOA-0002003 "Process Scale-Up and Optimization/Efficiency Improvements For Rare Earth Elements and Critical Materials Recovery From United States Coal Based Resources".

According to the information I have received, ELIXSYS Inc. is requesting funding to open a factory in Wolfe County, Kentucky. ELIXSYS is a chemical company providing utilities with a standardized modular plant to extract valuable metals, minerals, and rare earth elements from coal combustion waste. The factories built with this development intend to create many new jobs in an area with dire need for economic growth. This project meets the objectives listed by the National Energy Technology Laboratory and aim to help a distressed region in Kentucky, while cleaning up the waste cycle from coal in an environmentally friendly way.

I am asking for your full and fair consideration, within applicable laws and regulations, of this request. If I can provide you with any additional information, please contact Shelby Williams, my Director of Economic Development, at (859) 219-1366 or Shelby.Williams@mail.house.gov. You may forward your reply to my district office located at 2709 Old Rosebud Rd, Suite 100, Lexington, Kentucky 40509. Thank you in advance for your kind assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Barr".

Andy Barr
Member of Congress