



July 11, 2018

Senator Bill Sample, Chair
Representative Jim Dotson, Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council
Room 315, State Capitol
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Sample and Representative Dotson:

Attached is the annual report of the Economic Development Incentive Quick Action Closing Fund (QACF) for Fiscal Year 2018. Below are the expenditures and commitments of the Fund:

Expenditures prior to FY18	\$120,636,047
FY18 expenditures	3,146,850
Committed funds	7,168,908
Projects offered but not yet accepted	35,297,000
Remaining QACF balance	21,106,322
Clawbacks/loan repayments	<u>(1,624,001)</u>
TOTAL	\$185,731,126

Act 510 of 2007 stipulates that the annual report will contain the following:

1. The names and addresses of the businesses receiving money from the fund. (See Attachment)
2. The date, amount, and purpose of the disbursements of money from the fund. (See Attachment)
3. An evaluation of the effectiveness of the disbursements made from the fund.
4. Any suggestions for improving the use of the fund.

The QACF allows the Governor to act quickly and decisively in highly competitive situations to finalize an agreement with an employer to locate its business in Arkansas.

The companies proposing 85 job creation and/or retention projects that have received monies from the QACF project the creation and retention of 26,684 jobs at an average hourly wage of \$20.52. The projected cumulative investment of these projects was \$2.948 billion. As of June 30, 2018, these 85 projects have created and retained 21,422 jobs.

The Quick Action Closing Fund is a vital tool for our state. Continuing to fund this appropriation on an annual basis, as well as increasing its amount, will allow for greater success in bringing quality companies with quality jobs that will help increase Arkansans' per capita personal income and broaden our tax base.

Sincerely,



Michael Preston
Executive Director

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Enclosure

Economic Development Incentive Quick Action Fund (Governor's Quick Action Closing Fund) Information
Annual Report of Expenditures for Fiscal Period July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Company Name	Location	Date	Purpose	Amount
NBMC INC	Conway	12/20/2017	Building renovation	296,058.00
NBMC INC	Conway	4/26/2018	Building renovation	9,699.01
	Sub total			<u>305,757.01</u>
DBG ARKANSAS LLC	Conway	12/20/2017	Building renovation	105,077.44
DBG ARKANSAS LLC	Conway	2/14/2018	Building renovation	79,810.55
	Sub total			<u>184,887.99</u>
SILGAN PLASTIC FOOD CONTAINERS CO	Fort Smith	2/20/2018	Construction	1,880,000.00
NBMC INC	Conway	3/13/2018	Building renovation	159,355.00
CENTRAL STATES MANUFACTURING INC	Lowell	3/28/2018	Infrastructure and building renovation	300,000.00
WESTERN FOODS LLC	Pine Bluff	3/28/2018	Site preparation , building renovation,	280,000.00
	Northwest		and rail spur	
VALLEY INN FILM LLC	Arkansas	5/4/2018	Film	36,850.11

Total

3,146,850.11