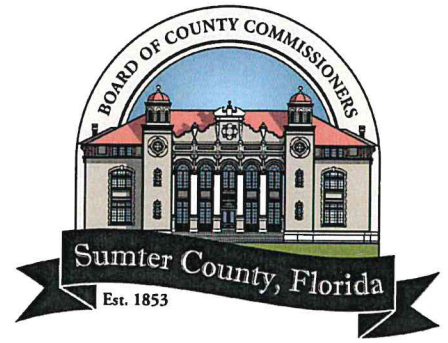


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February 21, 2023

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U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave. SW  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Re: SECO Energy's Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership (GRIP) grant application

Dear Ms. Robinson:

Sumter County Economic Development is providing this letter in support of SECO Energy's application for the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) program funding for "Improving Reliability through Grid Hardening Project." SECO Energy's proposed project is vital to ensure that Sumter County's small and large businesses can reopen as quickly as possible after a storm event.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support to the proposed project and for giving SECO Energy's application your consideration.

Sincerely,

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