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Dear Mr. Muise:

Natural Resources Canada would like to thank you for submitting your application to the Low-Rise Non-residential Buildings Call for Expressions of Interest of the *Green Construction through Wood* (GCWood) program. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that unfortunately your project, "*Net Zero Energy Administration Building*", has not been selected for further consideration and will not advance to the next phase of the evaluation process.

Under the Call for Expressions of Interest, the program received thirty applications from proponents across Canada, representing a wide variety in design, occupancy type, and scale of project. The total value of the projects submitted for funding was over \$835 million, with nearly \$33 million in funding requested from GCWood, resulting in an extremely competitive evaluation process. Given the level of interest relative to the GCWood program funds available, many quality projects such as yours were not selected to advance to the next evaluation phase.

While the GCWood program appreciates the level of effort and time you invested in your proposal, unfortunately your proposal did not demonstrate the same level of innovation compared to other projects that were highly ranked by the expert panel. The proposed building is primarily a conventional wood structure. As such, regrettably your project fell short on the Building Innovation criterion. If you have any questions, please contact the GCWood program by email at nrcan.gcwood-cvbois.mcan@canada.ca.

I would like to express my appreciation for the effort provided by your organization to develop your project proposal, and your support of the GCWood program's goal of increasing the use of wood in the non-residential construction sector in Canada.

Regards,

Jeff Biggs

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