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<u>AUTHORIZING WISCONSIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR</u> <u>ECONOMIC DEVELOMENT (CDBG-ED) APPLICATION</u>

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Community Development Block Grant program, administered by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce, for the purpose of economic development; and,

WHEREAS, after public hearing and due consideration, the Planning & Development Committee has recommended that a CDBG-ED application in the amount up to \$756,000 for equipment and training related expenses be submitted to the State of Wisconsin for Stoughton Trailers, LLC for economic development purposes; thereby, facilitating private sector investment and the creation of full-time positions at the company's dormant Evansville, WI facility; and,

WHEREAS, the CDBG-ED grant, in combination with other available business assistance programs, is necessary to facilitate this business development project; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Rock County Board of Supervisors, to approve the preparation and filing of an application for the County of Rock to receive funds from this program; and,

WHEREAS, the Rock County Board of Supervisors has reviewed the need for the proposed project and the countywide economic benefits to be gained therefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled on this 10 day of 12011 authorizes and approves the preparation and filing of an application for the above-named project; and that the County Board Chair and the County Clerk are authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the County of Rock with the terms and conditions described within the Wisconsin Department of Commerce's correspondence with Stoughton Trailers, LLC; and that authority is hereby granted to the Rock County Planning & Development Committee to take the necessary steps to prepare and file the appropriate application for funds under this program in accordance with this Resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,

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LEGAL NOTE:

The authority to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats., necessarily implies the authority to make application for such funds.

Jeffrey Kuglitsch Corporation Counsel

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution only authorizes an application for a grant and therefore has no fiscal impact at this time. If a grant is awarded, a subsequent resolution would be required to accept the grant and amend the budget.

Jeffrey A. Smith Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Craig Knutson County Administrator

AUTHORIZING WISCONSIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOMENT (CDBG-ED) APPLICATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Prepared by James R. Otterstein, Economic Development Manager

Federal block grant appropriations made available to the State of Wisconsin, for economic development purposes are administered by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce. Through Commerce's Community Development Block Grant for Economic Development (CDBG-ED) program, funds are awarded to a general-purpose unit of government (i.e. community) - who in turn – grants and/or loans the funds to eligible businesses. Eligibility is determined according to private investment commitments and the creation and/or retention of full-time employment positions. CDBG-ED funds can be used to finance the following activities: business acquisitions; buildings / land purchases; construction expenditures; machinery / equipment purchases; training and working capital expenses.

Per the Wisconsin Department of Commerce agreement, a CDBG-ED loan up to \$750,000 will be provided to Rock County, which in turn will provide the funds to Stoughton Trailers, LLC (i.e. the Borrower) for equipment and training related expenditures. Rock County (i.e. the Economic Development Agency) will serve as the CDBG-ED administrative and fiscal agent. For its services, Rock County will receive a \$6,000 administrative fee. Thus, the total CDBG-ED application requests a funding level in the amount up to \$756,000

Per the Department's agreement, repayments and/or fees collected from the Borrower will be retained by Rock County and used to capitalize its countywide Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). The RLF, which is administered by Rock County's Economic Development Agency under the provisions established within the RLF Policies and Procedures Manual, provides financial assistance to eligible businesses seeking to expand, locate or start-up within Rock County.