UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economic Development Administration
Washington, D.C. 20230

July 29, 2013

Mr. John Pompei
Chairman, Board of Directors
Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency
225 North Main Street, Suite 304
Bristol, CT 06010-4993

Dear Mr. Pompei:

I am pleased to inform you that the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) has approved the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency's request for designation as an Economic Development District (EDD). The EDD is comprised of the cities of Bristol and New Britain and the surrounding towns of Berlin, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, and Southington located in the counties of Hartford and Litchfield.

President Obama is committed to ensuring that no community or demographic group is excluded from the opportunity to achieve the American Dream. To that end, this EDA designation will serve as a foundation for future economic successes that will benefit both families and businesses in your region. EDA is committed to providing financial assistance to meet the economic development needs of distressed communities throughout the United States. Our mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.

I trust that this designation will strengthen the economies of the central Connecticut region, and wish you every success in carrying out your economic development activities. Chivas Grannum, of EDA's Philadelphia regional office, will remain your primary point of contact regarding this designation and may be contacted by telephone at (215) 597-8723, or email at www.cgrannum@eda.gov.

Your ongoing efforts to stimulate growth and business expansion through local economic development programs are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Matthew S. Erskine
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce
for Economic Development
and Chief Operating Officer

Enclosure

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MEMORANDUM OF DESIGNATION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

In accordance with Section 401 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3171 et seq.), I hereby designate the region identified below as an Economic Development District:

Name of District Organization	Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency
State	Connecticut
Regional Definition	The cities of Bristol and New Britain and the surrounding towns of Berlin, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, and Southington located in the counties of Hartford and Litchfield.

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