Dear Industry Friends,

I offer my support for the Gateway to Science STEM center and their new state-of-the-art learning center and to encourage your organization to strongly consider making a financial commitment to the project. The Gateway to Science has come a long way in 25 years, and I believe it will help fulfill our workforce needs for the next 25 years.

The Gateway to Science STEM center is more than a traditional children’s museum. It’s a hands-on activity and learning center, exposing people of all ages to career skills and possibilities from agriculture to energy and health sciences, weather, engineering and much more. It’s a regional STEM development center and the only facility in the state that is part of the national STEM ecosystem, dedicated to bringing quality science, technology, engineering and math skills to our future scientists.

Each custom designed exhibit includes activities that spark the curiosity in all of us. Programs for elementary students through high school age provide critical thinking and problem-solving skills needed for our future workforce. The Gateway to Science staff and programming reaches more than 130 school systems in North Dakota each year through sponsored field trips, and now they can take their “Science on the Go” van to rural school districts to give them the STEM curriculum support they need. It makes sense for North Dakota’s industries to support these efforts if we truly want to help teach and groom the next generation of STEM leaders in our state.

I would ask you consider partnering with the Gateway to Science to support the legacy of developing future scientists.

Sincerely,

Doug Goehring
North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner