


Commissioner, Department of Finance and Administration, State of Tennessee
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue
Tennessee Tower
Nashville, TN 37203

Dear Commissioner Goetz:

We are pleased to submit Nashville's application seeking certification of a Tourism Development Zone and the planned convention center project as a qualified public use facility under the "Convention and Tourism Development Financing Act of 1998." Throughout the previous ten years, many studies have been conducted to test the feasibility of a new downtown Nashville Convention Center. Each study has concluded that downtown Nashville is a viable and ideal location for a new convention center. The new convention center project will be both the catalyst for revitalization of the South of Broadway (SoBro) area and will beneficially impact the surrounding downtown and midtown areas from the first day the convention center opens. In addition, the areas on the edge of the Tourism Development Zone will experience growth and development due to this investment by our city as the energy created in the core of downtown Nashville spreads throughout the whole zone.

Phil Ryan, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency, is the contact person representing the City of Nashville for the application. Mr. Ryan may be reached at 252-8410 or pryan@nashville-mdha.org.

Sincerely,



Karl F. Dean
Mayor