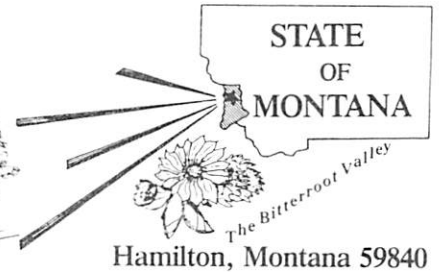


# COUNTY OF RAVALLI



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**Re: Ravalli County Extension of Time Request for EverStone Sustainable Products LLC. MT-BSTF-1-17-10**

Dear Ms. Davidson,

Ravalli County requests that the Department of Commerce, Big Sky Trust Fund Committee provide EverStone Sustainable Products LLC with a 1 year extension for the above referenced contract. The existing contract will expire on March 1, 2018. The county would like to exercise the one year extension option per the contract. The county requests the extended contract will include \$15,000 to be used as follows:

- Up to \$14,250 to assist the Assisted Business with the purchase of equipment and lease rate reduction; and
- Up to \$750 for eligible administrative expenses.

EverStone Sustainable Products LLC submitted a 2 year project that included hiring 5 employees over a 24 month period. EverStone Sustainable Products LLC received a contract for one year that included hiring 3 net, new eligible employees, paying \$15.82 per hour. We understand that the new BSTF process is to award a one year contract and then extend the project for another year based upon performance.

EverStone Sustainable Products LLC has met their one year contract metrics and expects to meet the year 2 goal of hiring 2 additional employees for a total of 5. The company currently has 3 employees. They began with a baseline of 0. Of the 3 employees, 3 employees are BSTF eligible.

We respectfully request that the Department of Commerce, Big Sky Trust Fund Committee support this one year extension of time for EverStone Sustainable Products LLC; one additional year that will include the hiring of two additional employees. Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Jeff Burrows  
Ravalli County Commission Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Burrows", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.