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Mr. Charles Russomanno, Program Manager  
DOE SBIR/STTR Phase III Xlerator Program  
Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy  
U. S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue  
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Subject: InnovaTek's DOE SBIR Phase III Xlerator Proposal under Funding Opportunity  
Number DE-FOA-0000397: Bio-Fueled Solid Oxide Fuel Cells

Dear Mr. Russomanno:

I am writing to voice my support for InnovaTek's proposal to the Department of Energy for funding under the Phase III Xlerator Program.

InnovaTek is currently developing a distributed energy system based on an integrated solid oxide fuel cell using hydrogen produced through catalytic reforming of biofuel. A Phase III demonstration project will be a critical phase in getting this technology to the commercial stage.

The opportunity to demonstrate this technology is an important step in the actions that the community is taking to transform the Mid-Columbia Region into an energy HUB of the Pacific Northwest. The goal is to provide solutions to national energy challenges using local and regional energy resources. The demonstrations proposed for InnovaTek's Phase III project will be a valuable platform technology to fulfill this initiative.

I ask that you give this application your fullest consideration

Sincerely,



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