



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

June 25, 2014

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

I am pleased to submit the annual report on the activities of the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), U.S. Department of Commerce, for fiscal year 2013, in compliance with Section 603 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 3213).

As the only federal agency focused exclusively on economic development, EDA plays a vital role in building sustainable economies in communities across the United States. EDA investments fund a broad array of activities, including those that strengthen the American workforce, build key infrastructure, provide needed capital, support knowledge transfer, and nurture the social networks necessary to promote American competitiveness. EDA is vital to U.S. economic growth and is an essential component of the Department's "Open for Business Agenda."

This year's annual report is an exclusively web-based resource. An interactive map allows readers to quickly retrieve a summary of EDA's FY 2013 investments in any given state, as well as a case study of an EDA project currently underway in each state. With just one click, communities can see the transformative projects EDA is partnering on in their own backyard and around the country. To view the complete report, I encourage you to visit EDA's website at [www.eda.gov](http://www.eda.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Penny Pritzker".

Penny Pritzker