



**ROSE-HULMAN**  
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

February 26, 2010

The Honorable Richard Lugar  
306 Hart Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Lugar:

I write today on behalf of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology to respectfully request that you submit a request to the House Appropriations Committee to fund our project entitled, *Rose-Hulman Ventures- Economic Development*.

We propose a Rose-Hulman Ventures partnership with the Terre Haute Economic Development Corp. as well as the relevant economic development authorities surrounding the Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center in which 10 technology-based startups will receive commercialization services at rates that are within their financial means. We anticipate that the positive results of this partnership could lay the foundation for a replicable model that will have national economic impact.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Branam".

Matt Branam  
President