

October 11, 2023

Chair LaPlante and Members of the Economic Development Committee,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to renew the two-year service agreement between DuPage County and Choose DuPage. It is my distinct pleasure to work with this committee and the entire County Board to advance economic development opportunities within DuPage County and the region. Our work is not possible without you and the financial commitment you provide to Choose DuPage. It is my understanding that our budget request for FY 23/24 is in the county budget in the amount of \$425,000. This amount remains unchanged from the prior service agreement as does the general language presented in our service agreement.

As you know, we took on several grant driven programs during the term of the current service agreement and the prior service agreement. We are very proud of the work completed and the work currently underway. We stand ready, as always, to evaluate and participate in any additional programs or services that the County Board may wish to undertake.

Our agreement with DuPage County is truly a public-private partnership. Our private sector contributions continue to exceed the public sector contribution and we continue to grow our outreach and network in the business and economic development communities. We hope that you agree that the investment DuPage County is making in Choose DuPage is a worthwhile one and we respectfully request the adoption of our service agreement.

Sincerely,

Greg Bedalov
President and CEO
Choose DuPage