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Brampton's Joint Innovation Supercluster Bid Advances

MP Sahota is excited to see Brampton's bid apart of the Government's shortlist

October 11, 2017 – Brampton, ON – Ms. Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North is excited that the joint bid to establish an Advanced Manufacturing Supercluster from Toronto to Brampton to Waterloo was shortlisted. This is the first major milestone in securing a piece of \$950 million in government funding earmarked for building superclusters across Canada.

“As part of our Innovation and Skills Plan, we are investing nearly one billion dollars over five years to create jobs and accelerate innovation through superclusters,” said MP Sahota. “In Ottawa, my Brampton colleagues and I have been advocating for Brampton and its businesses as they hold the potential to supercharge the economy as a supercluster.”

Superclusters are innovation hotbeds. They are areas of high-growth, like Silicon Valley, which bring together the most talented people, the newest technologies, and the fastest-growing companies. This is what we want to create in regions, like Brampton, across Canada. They will create jobs, attract investment and in time, they could transform Canada's economy.

The Government received 50 proposals from across the country and Brampton's joint business-led consortia Innovation Supercluster bid was one of nine to be shortlisted. The Government plans to choose up to five bids that will be eligible for a piece of the \$950 million and the final announcement of the successful bids will be made in early 2018.

Canada's manufacturing and technology sectors have many complementary strengths, but the two industries often work in silos. To leverage their full potential, stakeholders across the corridor have proposed a cluster that brings these two sectors together with the goal of propelling Canada forward as a leading global innovation ecosystem. With the combined effort of businesses and organizations across the corridor they plan to bring this to fruition.

The ultimate goal is to create a critical mass of innovation activity that will attract talent, technology, investment and customers from across the world. To do this, manufacturers and tech companies of all sizes will be invited to participate, and many have already been engaged through the bidding process. Industry support for the Advanced Manufacturing Supercluster strategy has been very strong with more than 100 partners across the corridor committing over \$570 million in project contributions.

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