

January 17, 1969

Mr. Tom R. May  
President  
Lockheed-Georgia Company  
Marietta, Georgia

Dear Tom:

The City of Atlanta today was announced as America's second city to receive a grant for execution of its Model Cities Program in 1969.

There are so many reasons why our city was able to submit and receive approval of its program ahead of the other major cities - the support and concern of the residents of the area, the cooperation of public and private agencies in preparing the planning document, the help of the federal agencies and the cooperation and backing of the Board of Aldermen.

Another significant and important reason for our success was the direct assistance we received from you and the Lockheed-Georgia Company.

We have heard much talk about the involvement of private industry in the resolution of our urban problems. We have also heard expressed the need to provide for the transference of the technologies of modern private industry to our urban governments in order that these problems can be met.

The involvement of Lockheed-Georgia in the planning and development of Atlanta's Model Cities Planning document does both. Without the expert professional and technical capability and the logistical support of Lockheed-Georgia, I think I can safely say that the City could not and would not have been able to complete and submit its planning grant request before well into 1969.

Particular thanks are due not only for the most cooperative manner in which the assistance was offered, but also for the personal abilities and interest of the staff members provided.

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Mr. Hugh Gordon and Mr. Oz Adams recognized and understood the value to the City of Lockheed's participation.

Mr. Richard D. Henderson and Mr. Sheldon R. Dickstein were particularly effective in scheduling and coordinating the overall Model Cities staff effort and providing, through their own technical proficiency, a direction and organization which substantially contributed to the completeness and quality of the planning document and the timeliness with which it was completed.

Many other fine Lockheed citizens contributed in the preparation of graphics and printing of the final document.

And, of course, your support and encouragement of everyone who had a hand in this effort was essential to its final high achievement.

Again, my personal thanks to you and the Lockheed-Georgia Company for demonstrating the civic-minded attitude and sense of overall community responsibility which has long been associated with your fine company.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor

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