

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Jim Gray Mayor

To:

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Urban County Council

From

Kevin Atkins, Chief Development Officer

Date:

January 22, 2013

Re:

Approve agreement with Webasto Roof Systems, Inc. to participate in the Kentucky Business Investment

Program

The Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority has given Webasto Roof Systems, Inc. preliminary approval to participate in the Kentucky Business Investment (KBI) Program. The KBI Program requests that the state and local government enter into a 10-year agreement with the approved company under which the business can recover up to 100% of its start-up costs and 50% of the annual rent costs through Kentucky corporate income tax credits and a wage assessment fee of up to 4%.

Webasto Roof Systems' decision to expand their sunroof and roof systems manufacturing facility in Lexington will create wealth and provide additional job opportunities for citizens of Lexington and the surrounding area. The company plans to create 65 new jobs with an average wage of approximately \$35,000.00 per year plus benefits. KD Analytical Consulting, Inc. plans to invest nearly \$10,000,000.00 in new equipment, building improvements and start-up costs for a 10-year period.

It is recommended by Gina Greathouse, with Commerce Lexington for LFUCG to approve the 10-year local 1% wage assessment through KBI. There is no budgetary impact on LFUCG.

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