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Dear Evaluation Team:

The Plowshares Food Hub team is excited to be a central part of Heartland Communities' visionary team for the Food System Vision Prize. The multi-stakeholder Cooperative was incubated over several years and launched in 2019.

Our cooperative is the result of Heartland's Plowshares Local Food System Project, which began in 2014. Plowshares is a community economic development project to organize farmers and farm workers and develop a local food aggregation, processing and distribution system for local consumption, while creating jobs and job training for new food workers.

This is a logical path for Heartland's mission, to build communities that are economically, culturally, and environmentally restorative, through community and economic development activities, including training and educational programs, worker collective entrepreneurship facilitation, cooperative systems, and community economics education.

The 2050 Food System Vision Prize offers a wonderful opportunity for the food system pioneers in Northeast Indiana to future cast our hopes and solutions for the reason. We are enjoying the process and will continue the work begun with this first submission.

Regards,

Rowan F Greene, CEO
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