Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
   Tom

2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
   Kunse

3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.
   n/a

4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
   Builders Educational Services and Training of Michigan Inc DBA Skilled to Build Michigan Foundation

5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
   6427 Centurion, Ste. 100, Lansing, MI 48917

6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
   Books will be delivered to the ISDs in the state for each 8th grader in their school district on skilled trades as a career option.

7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
   Books will be sent to every county in the state where there is an ISD.

8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution.
   Michigan is in the middle of a skilled labor shortage, which contributes to the increased cost of housing. In Michigan, there are 58,011 license holders (builders and maintenance and alteration). The average age of a licensee is 56.42 years. In the 56+ age there are 23,586 licenses. In the 18-34 age group there are 2389 licenses. We need to do more to create awareness of the career opportunities available in the trades. This is a continuation

of the previous funding we have received. In FY 23 we received a line item of 2M, and in FY 24 we received $400,000.00. The $2M allowed us to distribute books to every 8-12 grader in the state. The $400K is being used to distribute a book to every 8th grader in the state.

9. Attach documents here if needed:
   Attachments added to the end of this file.

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.
    420000

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.
    ["State"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:
    Non-profit organization

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?
    Yes

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?
    Yes

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?
    Yes

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'
    Ben Templeton, Chair HBAM Secretary   Michael Tucker, HBAM Treasurer   Bob Filka, Vice Chair HBAM CEO   Directors: Sarah Foster, Jeff Grantham, Jeremy Morgan, Dawn Crandall, Executive Director EVP of Government Relations, HBAM   Ariana Dawes, Staff Liaison Legislative Aide for HBA Government Relations

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."
    Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

They usually run the same as the FY appropriation. Once they have the appropriation, they will begin the process of updating the book, printing and delivery to the ISDs.

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."
Yes