

Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Automotive Industry of Michigan and Ontario

The Governments of Ontario and Michigan wish to leverage the strengths and assets of their respective automotive sectors to promote, foster sustainable growth and support innovation in the Ontario-Michigan automotive cluster.

To further these goals, Ontario and Michigan agree to:

Increased cooperation in automotive matters. This cooperation may include:

1. Sharing, as appropriate, scientific, technological, regulatory and policy data and experiences;
2. Co-hosting bilateral and multilateral meetings, workshops and conferences;
3. Sharing best practices in skilled trades and workforce development programs,
4. Jointly developing new programs to address emerging technology needs; and
5. Creating a joint taskforce to provide advice on strengthening the Ontario/Michigan automotive cluster and supporting the enterprises that form this cluster.

Enhance our interconnected automotive supply chain. The enhancement may include:

1. Establish matchmaking events to promote automotive suppliers to business needing local supply or considering expansion to Ontario or Michigan, similar to Michigan's *Pure Michigan Business Connect* program; and
2. Supporting, where appropriate, information and technology transfer between automotive suppliers.

Promote the demonstration and deployment of innovative technologies and processes in the automotive sector. This promotion may include:

1. Supporting connected, automated and autonomous vehicle technologies
2. Supporting lightweight material technology development collaboration leveraging existing institutes including but not limited to:
 - a. Fraunhofer Project Centre for Composites Research (London, ON)
 - b. Institute for Advanced Composites Manufacturing Innovation (Detroit, MI)
 - c. Lightweight Innovations for Tomorrow (Detroit, MI)
3. Creating a demonstration roadway that showcases innovative technologies and connects Michigan and Ontario.

This agreement is signed on August 3rd, 2016 in Traverse City, Michigan, USA.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF ONTARIO**



Kathleen Wynne

Premier of Ontario

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF MICHIGAN**



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