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Dear mr Meijer,

On behalf of Ms. Sharon Dijksma, State Secretary for Infrastructure and the Environment and the Evaluation Committee, I would like to express my gratitude for your bid for housing for the Global Centre of Excellence on Climate Adaptation (GCECA), which was received in time before the deadline of 1 September 2017.

I regret that your bid was not selected by the Evaluation Committee. The call for housing resulted in seven offers. The Evaluation Committee recommend which bid to select, based on the criteria published on the website of GECCA. The Committee assessed the proposals in three rounds. This resulted in a unanimous choice for Rotterdam-Groningen, scoring relatively better on the total package of requirements than the other bids.

I wish to thank you very much for the effort that was put into your bid. In case you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Christiaan Wallet, project manager GCECA.

Given the global scope of the GCECA, which renders it relevant to all regions, cities and institutes in The Netherlands and abroad, we welcome your continued interest and that of your regional partners in the further development of the GCECA, starting from 2018. I expect the GCECA to invite research institutes, business, financial parties, etc. for meetings and events to come.

With kind regards

Roald P. Lapperre

Director General for Climate, the Environment and International Affairs