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Department of Mechanical
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To whom it may concern,

We, from the *Wind and Hurricane Impact Research Lab (WHIRL)* at *Florida Tech* are writing to express support for the application to the **Centre of Excellence (SFF)** scheme, led by **Professor Nicola Paltrinieri, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)**, for the proposed Centre initiative **NordNatech**.

We recognize the scientific relevance and ambition of *NordNatech* and strongly support the initiative. We value our ongoing relationship with NTNU through our shared interest in natural hazards impact on infrastructure and see clear potential for mutually beneficial collaboration aligned with the Centre's thematic focus.

Should the proposal be invited to the next stage, we are open to continuing dialogue and identifying suitable avenues for interaction, including research collaboration, student exchange, joint activities and seminars, or any other advisory contributions.

We wish NTNU success in this competitive process.

Sincerely,
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