

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

April 13, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are pleased to express our strong support of the Ardmore Development Authority's application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. This grant will support the construction of a global air cargo facility at the Ardmore Municipal Airport.

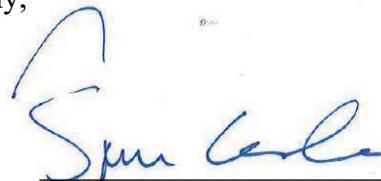
Ardmore Airport has the longest runway of any non-commercial airport in Oklahoma. Leveraging this unique asset, the surrounding region is building a Global Transportation and Industrial Park in Ardmore to create an international air cargo hub. The construction of a new international air cargo facility at the Ardmore Airport will help diversify the economy of Southeast Oklahoma. This investment in new commercial capacity will draw economic activity and jobs to the region by providing a low-cost, centrally-located alternative destination to the existing over-crowded air cargo handling facilities in the Midwest.

This project has the full support of state and local stakeholders, including the State of Oklahoma, City of Ardmore, and Carter County, among others. The RAISE program is designed to provide new opportunities for underserved areas, and Ardmore's application is the ideal example of the type of project RAISE was designed to support. We urge your strong consideration of this application. Please contact Victor Sarmiento (202-224-4721 or Victor_Sarmiento@inchofe.senate.gov) on my staff for further assistance.

Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe
United States Senator



Tom Cole
Member of Congress



the
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Nation DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Bill Anoatubby
Governor

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Lt. Governor

April 14, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: FY 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)
Grant

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce is pleased to support the Ardmore Development Authority's application for a grant award through the FY 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program for its International Air Cargo Development Project at the Global Transportation and Industrial Park located near Interstate 35 in Ardmore, Oklahoma, between Oklahoma City and the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex. This project will help facilitate economic development and job creation in a rural area of persistent poverty, which is precisely the sort of project the RAISE program was designed to support.

If awarded, the RAISE grant funds would be utilized to help fund construction of a new international multi-modal cargo facility at the Ardmore Municipal Airport, a former military base and underutilized asset located within the heart of the Chickasaw Nation reservation. This new facility will serve as a competitive destination for air cargo, both international and domestic, providing a centrally located, low-cost alternative to existing congested air cargo handling facilities currently serving Oklahoma, numerous tribal nations and the burgeoning "Megalopolis" in North Central Texas.

In addition to the endorsement of the Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce, we are pleased to be a partner in developing this project. This project also enjoys the support of Oklahoma's Congressional delegation, along with government agencies across the State of Oklahoma, the City of Ardmore, Carter County, and numerous other public and private stakeholders. We are pleased to join with them in respectfully requesting your favorable consideration of the Ardmore Development Authority's request for a grant award in the RAISE program's FY 2022 round of funding.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important project.

Sincerely,

Bill G. Lance, Secretary
Department of Commerce

Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell

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April 11, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590
United States

Re: FY 22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the State of Oklahoma, I write to share our support of the Ardmore Development Authority's FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application, *International Air Cargo Development Project at the Global Transportation and Industrial Park in Ardmore, Oklahoma*, for the development of a global air cargo facility at the Ardmore Municipal Airport, a former military base, and an underutilized asset that rests within southern Oklahoma and the heart of the Chickasaw Nation.

The construction of a new international multi-modal cargo facility at the Ardmore Airport will spur economic development in a rural area of persistent poverty in our state, creating thousands of jobs and a measurable return on investment for our economy. With this investment, our region will become a competitive destination for air cargo, both international and domestic, while allowing for a centrally located, low-cost alternative to the various congested air cargo handling facilities in the United States, and particularly those that serve Oklahoma and the middle of our country, including the burgeoning "Megalopolis" that is growing out of North Central Texas. Our recent economic impact analysis and corresponding feasibility studies estimate up to 18,000 new jobs and the potential for a \$3.8 billion impact for rural communities in an economically distressed part of our state. This will have unparalleled benefit to families and employers, such as ours, both directly and indirectly.

The State of Oklahoma is proud to endorse this project. Likewise, this project has support from the top down, including the Oklahoma Federal Delegation, The Chickasaw Nation, the City of Ardmore, the leadership of Carter County and other support of public and private stakeholders. The RAISE program is designed for these types of projects and, therefore, we ask that you please select this project in the FY22 round of funding. We appreciate your support of this important request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Pinnell".

Matt Pinnell
Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

WP GLOBAL HOLDINGS, LLC

and

TOYOTA TSUSHO AMERICA, INC.

APRIL 7, 2022

This non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) provides a mutually agreeable framework for WP Global Holdings, LLC, and Toyota Tsusho America (“the Parties”) to consider development of solar power generation at the Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma.

Parties

WP Global Holdings, LLC, (“WPG”) is a partnership between Watco Companies, LLC, Knightsbridge Partners, and Chickasaw Nation. WPG has entered into a public-private leasing agreement with the Ardmore Development Authority to complete a multiphase development of the Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma.

Toyota Tsusho America, Inc. (“TAI”) is a multi-market, multi-business enterprise, which has been operating in North America for over 60 years. TAI is actively involved with innovative projects in power generation across North America. A priority growth area for TAI is renewable energy and TAI focuses on large scale solar farms, wind farms, to create a more sustainable future as they move closer to their goal of carbon neutrality.

Site

The Global Transportation and Industrial Park of Oklahoma (“GTIP”), located in Ardmore, OK, includes more than 200 acres of shovel-ready and build-to-suit land at the Ardmore Industrial Airpark, formerly an Army Air Force Base. Located in the heart of the Chickasaw Nation, GTIP is strategically situated between many of North America’s largest business centers. The site features direct access to rail, air and highway transport, and is an approved U.S. Foreign-Trade Zone.

Collaborative Intentions

The Parties presently intend to seek to promote the development of renewable energy at GTIP and are in discussions regarding the potential for locating a utility-scale solar power generation facility within GTIP. Multiple parcels exist within the grounds of the GTIP, adjacent land owned by the Ardmore Development Authority (“ADA”), and adjacent land owned by the Chickasaw Nation, that would support large-scale solar power generation installations. Taken together, the parcels could support the potential annual generation of nearly 202,000 MWh of electricity. An installation of that scale would generate significantly more electricity than would be consumed by existing operations at GTIP.

In the event the project moves forward, TAI would serve as the developer of such a project and manage all aspects of installation and power generation. WPG would facilitate the agreements necessary to dedicate land to such an installation and encourage current and future tenants of GTIP to avail themselves of solar electricity for their operations. Together, the Parties are discussing ways to collaboratively develop renewable energy for use by current and future tenants of GTIP and contribute to the overall availability of renewable energy in South Central Oklahoma.

Flexibility

The Parties agree that as they continue to develop this possibility, the exact business relationship could take multiple forms. They further currently believe that the Site could support varying configurations of solar arrays and multiple models exist for use of the renewable energy generated by such arrays.

Non-Exclusivity

This MOU is non-binding and an expression of each Party's present intent. Both Parties understand and agree that the current discussions do not represent an agreement to work exclusively with the other and do not represent an agreement to proceed to final development.

WP GLOBAL HOLDINGS, LLC

TOYOTA TSUSHO AMERICA, INC.



Name: Laura McNichol
Title: SVP, Chief Sustainability Officer

Satoshi Ueno

Name: Satoshi Ueno
Title: General Manager



OKLAHOMA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

July 9, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590
United States

RE: FY 21 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission (OAC) is considered the lead government agency for providing support, funding, advocacy, and promotion of Oklahoma's airports and is a critical partner in providing advocacy and promotion of the aviation and aerospace industry. OAC's mission is to promote aviation and aerospace, which includes ensuring that the needs of commerce and communities across the state are met by the 108 public airports that comprise the Oklahoma Airport System, and ensuring the viability of the state's aerospace industry.

The Ardmore Municipal Airport and surrounding industrial airpark are a vital component to the air transportation system in Oklahoma. It is a premier airport in the Oklahoma system and is recognized as such given its classification as a Regional Business Airport. The 9,000' primary runway is the 4th longest civilian runway in the state, creating a grand opportunity for economic development and attraction of aviation and aerospace businesses. The Commission is well-aware of the vision for further developing the Ardmore Municipal Airport into a multi-modal facility to support air cargo and believes the public-private partnership will further grow the airport into a robust economic center for southern Oklahoma. Prior investments and commitments from state and local leaders in the necessary multi-modal infrastructure demonstrate the state and community's commitment to that goal.

OAC's 2017 Statewide Economic Impact Study of the Aviation and Aerospace Industry showed that this was the state's second largest industry with \$44 billion in annual economic activity. Airports, both commercial and general aviation, are a key component of this industry, supporting \$10.6 billion in annual economic activity. Ardmore Municipal Airport is an integral part of airport system, and the study showed significant measured economic benefits to the community and region.

- The airport is an essential part of the area's transportation infrastructure which has helped to attract and keep local employers. Businesses such as Carbonyx

(carbon technologies), EJ (foundry), Dollar General (retail), Beetle Plastics (plastic fabrication), and OnLine Packing, Inc. (manufacturer) are reported to rely on the airport to support their operations and improve their efficiency.

- Michelin Tire also uses the airport to connect 16 other domestic and three international plants with its operations in Oklahoma.
- Dollar General choose Ardmore for the location of a major distribution center in part because of the airport. The company uses the airport to support its travel needs as well as those of its customers and suppliers who fly to Oklahoma. The distribution center is a mainstay of the local economy, supporting an estimated 600 jobs.
- The airport supports aircraft that are used to suppress grassland wildfires. Grassland fires pose a significant threat to ranching activities in the Oklahoma area. When thousands of acres burned in a fire during spring of 2016, the airport was used by nine firefighting tankers to mitigate damage and loss. Aerial firefighting is essential to protecting Oklahoma's land resources. The Forestry Service uses the airport on a regular basis to support aerial inspections aimed at detecting the danger of forest fires.
- The airport has over \$27 million in annual economic activity and supports nearly 280 direct and indirect jobs. These figures are just from airside activity on the airport and do not include the additional tens of millions in economic impact and hundreds of jobs supported in the greater industrial airpark.

In closing, the aforementioned representations clearly demonstrate and justify confidence for investing in additional public infrastructure at the Ardmore Municipal Airport. The Commission would encourage the US Department of Transportation to give full consideration to the Ardmore Development Authority's RAISE grant application for multi-modal infrastructure investment at the airpark. Existing businesses in the community, the citizens of southern Oklahoma, and commerce all across Oklahoma would greatly benefit from this investment in a multi-modal facility. Should you need additional information from our agency, I can be reached at 405-604-6903 or by email at gardies@oac.ok.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



Grayson Ardies
State Director of Aeronautics
Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission

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Murray County

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Appropriations Sub: Health & Human Services
Veterans and Military Affairs

April 8, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590
United States

RE: FY 22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and
Equity (RAISE) Grant

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Please accept this letter as my formal support for the Global Transportation and Industrial Park (GTIP) in Ardmore, Oklahoma to be located within the Ardmore Municipal Airport. Our business and industry partners enjoy a confident, productive relationship with the Ardmore Development Authority.

Our region appreciates funding assistance toward developing the necessary infrastructure to transform the Ardmore Industrial Airpark into a global transportation and logistics asset. A recent economic impact analysis and corresponding feasibility studies estimate that development of the Ardmore Industrial Airpark into a global freight hub will create between \$514 million to \$1.2 billion in new labor income, 8,400 up to 18,650 new jobs, with a total economic impact to the state ranging from \$1.7 billion to \$3.8 billion. This transformational investment, in a rural community, will have unparalleled benefit to families and employers, such as ours, both directly and indirectly.

On behalf of Oklahoma Senate District 14 and the 82,000 citizens that call it home, I respectfully request your strong consideration to the Ardmore Development Authority's request for funding support for the realization of the GTIP at the Ardmore Municipal (Industrial) Airpark. Thank you in advance for your partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank Simpson".

Senator Frank Simpson
Oklahoma Senate District 14

Tammy Townley
House District 48

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On behalf of Oklahoma House District 48 and the 35,000 citizens that call it home, I respectfully request your strong consideration to the Ardmore Development Authority's request for funding support for the realization of the GTIP at the Ardmore Municipal (Industrial) Airpark. Thank you in advance for your partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammy Townley".

Representative Tammy Townley
Oklahoma House of Representatives, District 48



THE CITY OF

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April 11, 2022

City of Ardmore
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As Mayor of the City of Ardmore and its 25,000 citizens, I respectfully request your strong consideration to the Ardmore Development Authority's request for funding support for the realization of the GTIP at the Ardmore Municipal (Industrial) Airpark. Thank you in advance for your partnership.

Sincerely,

Mayor Sheryl Ellis
City of Ardmore



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Sincerely,

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Kevin Boatright
City Manager
City of Ardmore



April 8, 2022

Ardmore Chamber of Commerce
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Ardmore, Oklahoma 73402

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590
United States

RE: FY 22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and
Equity (RAISE) Grant

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On behalf of the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce and its 634 members throughout the region, I respectfully request your strong consideration to the Ardmore Development Authority's request for funding support for the realization of the GTIP at the Ardmore Municipal (Industrial) Airpark. Thank you in advance for your partnership.

Sincerely,

Richard DeLano, Chair
Ardmore Chamber of Commerce



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March 31, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590
United States

RE: Support for a FY 22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to share Watco's support of the Ardmore Development Authority's (ADA) FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application, *International Air Cargo Development Project at the Global Transportation and Industrial Park in Ardmore, Oklahoma*, for the development of a global air cargo facility at the Ardmore Municipal Airport, a former military base.

We are working with local partners like the ADA to drive economic development at the Ardmore Airport. This RAISE grant is an important tool to achieving our goal of developing this facility into a competitive global destination for air cargo, in addition to a rail-served multimodal facility centrally located in the US.

Watco is a single-source transportation and supply chain services company with locations throughout North America and Australia. Founded in 1983, we grew from one locomotive into a leading transportation services company. Today, we own and operate a diverse and unmatched network of short line railroads, terminals, ports, and mechanical shops, along with a robust logistics business that helps customers meet their supply chain needs.

The *International Air Cargo Development Project at the Global Transportation and Industrial Park in Ardmore, Oklahoma* has the full support of local stakeholders, including the State of Oklahoma, City of Ardmore, Carter County and others. The RAISE program is designed for these types of projects and, therefore, we ask that you please select this project in the FY22 round of funding.

We appreciate your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Laura McNichol
Senior Vice President, Government & Industry Relations



April 4, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: FY 22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg:

I write today on behalf of Global Agribusiness Ventures, Inc. (GAV) in support of the Ardmore Development Authority's (ADA) FY22 RAISE grant application, *International Air Cargo Development Project at the Global Transportation and Industrial Park in Ardmore, Oklahoma*, for the development of a global air cargo facility at the Ardmore Municipal Airport, a former military base. This RAISE project is among several projects the ADA is leading to develop this facility into a global multimodal facility located on BNSF mainline connecting Oklahoma City with the Dallas/Ft. Worth region and beyond.

GAV is in the business of generating public/private partnerships to develop new, more efficient supply chains. We are interested in bringing cocoa and cashew processing facilities to the US and locating them in Oklahoma City and Ardmore. Today, despite the US being the largest consumer of cashews globally, they are processed in India and Vietnam. Our roots are in Africa, allowing for a strong connection to the communities and growers that grow cashews and cocoa. We anticipate locating in Ardmore post-project completion.

This RAISE grant is an important tool to achieving the goal of developing this asset into a competitive global destination for air cargo, in addition to a BNSF-served multimodal facility centrally located in the US.

We ask that you please fund this important RAISE grant. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

For/Global Agribusiness Ventures, Inc

Mr. Jonathan Mwaba, MBA

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April 11, 2022

BancFirst
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United States

RE: FY 22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and
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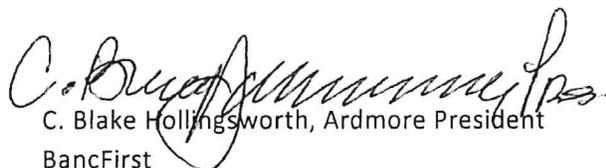
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On behalf of BancFirst and its branches throughout Southern Oklahoma, I respectfully request your strong consideration to the Ardmore Development Authority's request for funding support for the realization of the GTIP at the Ardmore Municipal (Industrial) Airpark. Thank you in advance for your partnership.

Sincerely,


C. Blake Hollingsworth, Ardmore President
BancFirst



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April 11, 2022

First National Bank and Trust Company of Ardmore
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On behalf of First National Bank and Trust Company of Ardmore and its branches throughout Southern Oklahoma, I respectfully request your strong consideration to the Ardmore Development Authority's request for funding support for the realization of the GTIP at the Ardmore Municipal (Industrial) Airpark. Thank you in advance for your partnership.

Clayton Lodes, CEO
First National Bank and Trust Company of Ardmore