



July 2, 2021

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

Re: FY 21 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) FY21 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.

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