# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

July 6, 2021

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@inhofe.senate.gov) on my staff for further assistance.

Sincerely,

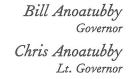
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June 29, 2021

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

Re: FY 2021 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 2021 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, 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 2021 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**

State Capitol Building, Suite 117 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105



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July 8, 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:

On behalf of the State of Oklahoma, I write to share our support of the Ardmore Development Authority's FY21 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 be 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.

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 FY21 round of funding.

We appreciate your support of this important request.

Sincerely,

Matt Pinnell

Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma

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### Scott R. Mueller

Secretary of Commerce & Workforce Development State of Oklahoma

July 8, 2021

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US Department of Transportation
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We appreciate your support of this important request.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Mueller Secretary of Commerce State of Oklahoma



#### 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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#### ASSISTANT MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

July 8, 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:

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Our region appreciates funding assistance toward developing the necessary infrastructure to transform the Ardmore Industrial Airpark into a global transportation and logistics asset. Our recent economic impact analysis and corresponding feasibility studies estimate up to 18,000 new s and the potential for a \$3.8 billion regional impact for communities in a rural economically distressed part of our state. This will have unparalleled benefit to families and employers, 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 of the realization of the GTIP at the Ardmore Industrial Airpark. Thank you in advance for your partnership.

Sincerely,

Senator Frank Simpson Oklahoma Senate District 14



THE CITY OF

# ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

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July 7, 2021

City of Ardmore 23 South Washington Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401

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On behalf 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 Elizabeth Glasgow

City of Ardmore



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Sincerely,

Kevin Boatright City Manager City of Ardmore



July 7, 2021

Ardmore Chamber of Commerce, Inc. 410 W. Main Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401

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On behalf of the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce and the 48,000 citizens of Carter County, 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,

Les Brown, Chair

Ardmore Chamber of Commerce

315 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Pittsburg, KS 66762

Phone: 620.231.2230 Fax: 620.231.5192



June 22, 2021

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

RE: Support for a FY 21 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) FY21 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 FY21 round of funding.

We appreciate your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Laura McNichol

Senior Vice President, Government & Industry Relations







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.

For/Global Agribusiness Ventures, Inc

Mr. Jonathan Mwaba, MBA

CEO: Global Agribusiness Ventures Inc.

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Eneus Energy Ltd. 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 125 Princes Street EH2 4AD Scotland

June 11, 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:

I write today on behalf of Eneus Energy, a project development company for green ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) production projects. Green ammonia is a renewable fuel that has the potential to decarbonize many sectors of the economy that are difficult to decarbonize today. Eneus Energy expresses its 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.

Fossil fueled ammonia production is responsible for 1.6 percent of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, as the production plants conventionally use a fossil fuel input as their source of hydrogen. By switching to renewable electricity to make green ammonia, we could save over 360 million tons of CO2 emissions worldwide.

As such, we are interested in developing this technology in the United States and other markets and are working with the ADA to be a potential "anchor" tenant at this new facility. Eneus Energy is developing production facilities at sites across the United States with the green ammonia delivered to various ports and inland locations for end-use markets such as shipping fuel, fertilizer feedstock and fuel cell technology. The Ardmore site appears to have good proximity to the large amount of renewable electricity generation needed for our production, and accordingly, could be an ideal location for a new green ammonia production facility.

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

Sincerely,

Krista Mann

Vice President U.S. Operations

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On behalf of American Nation Bank 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.

Respectfully,

Pat McCullough

Oklahoma President

American Nation Bank



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July 7, 2021 BancFirst. 310 W. Main Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401

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Sincerely,

C. Blake Hollingsworth, Ardmore President

BancFirst



July 8, 2021

First National Bank and Trust Company of Ardmore P.O. Box 69 Ardmore, Oklahoma 73402

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Curtis Davidson, CEO

First National Bank and Trust Company of Ardmore