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Jorge Ayala, Regional Director
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903 San Jacinto Blvd
Suite 206
Austin, TX 78701

Re: Application of the City of Bristow, Oklahoma for an EDA Grant

Dear Mr. Ayala:

I write this letter to express my support for the City of Bristow's application for an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant to reconstruct its municipal airport runway as a vital component of the economic vitality of the city.

The City of Bristow has the support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission, which has already contributed substantial technical expertise and some financial resources to the project. In addition, the Bristow City Council has set aside matching funds for this project. Demonstrable State and local support for EDA grant applications greatly extends the reach of existing federal resources. Partnerships like this serve as a model for how efficient government can build high quality public infrastructure.

The current runway pavement was constructed in 1968 and is well beyond its useful life cycle. As stated in the City's engineering report for the site, the runway is functionally obsolete and does not meet existing Federal Aviation Administration safety standards in multiple categories. Further, the expansion and improvements to the Bristow municipal airport will induce local businesses to expand their presence in the area, create new jobs, and diversify the economy of the region.

I fully support the City of Bristow in its endeavor to reconstruct this important transportation facility with assistance from the EDA. I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of the City of Bristow's application for an EDA grant to reconstruct its municipal airport runway as a central component of the economic vitality of the city.

Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe
United States Senator