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May 18, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
BUILD Review Committee
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: CCAD Cargo Facility and Infrastructure Expansion - DTOS59-20-RA-BUILD

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Coos County Airport District's (CCAD) application for the BUILD grant program.

The Airport District is requesting a grant award in the amount of $8,339,400 under the BUILD program, to be matched by $926,600 in secured funding, for a total project amount of $9.266 million. The project scope will remove several World War II-era defunct facilities and construct a new multimodal cargo facility and expand the infrastructure.

This project will create significant, long-term economic growth for Coos, Curry, Douglas counties and the state of Oregon by adding 75 industry construction jobs and attract and sustain 200 new regional FTE's, which will increase state and federal taxes; and add millions of dollars to the regional economy over the next decade. The project will occur in an economically depressed rural/coastal area of Coos County, Oregon (pop. 70,000).

The Airport District is a key economic generator for the region and has been creating and sustaining jobs for nearly every industry from tourism to cargo. The Airport District is home to a diverse tenant group that includes, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Coast Guard, the Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Human Services, Oregon State Corrections, UPS, FEDEX, and 33 other business, government and commercial tenants.

Additionally, the Coos County Airport District is eligible for grant funding from the Oregon Department of Aviation's 2021-2024 grant funding cycles for up to $150,000 each year for eligible capital projects. This BUILD project appears to be an eligible project.

This is a great opportunity to provide expanded air cargo opportunities not only to local businesses and workers, but also to regional airlines and their pilots as they recover from the unprecedented losses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. This application has our support, and I hope you will find it worthy of yours.

Sincerely,

Betty Stansbury, Director

Oregon Department of Aviation's mission is to provide infrastructure, financial resources, and expertise to ensure a safe and efficient air transportation system

The South Coast Development Council, Inc.

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The South Coast Development Council's mission is to promote and support businesses that provide quality jobs through responsible development on Oregon's South Coast.

May 14, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
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1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

SOUTH COAST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.

RE: CCAD Cargo Facility and Infrastructure Expansion for Intermodal Transfer of Seafood and Freight and Expanded Surface Accommodation for Business, Tourism, and other Industries with a Mobility Sector Connection to Aviation - DTOS59-20-RA-BUILD

Dear Secretary Chao,

The South Coast Development Council, Inc. (SCDC) is pleased to support the funding application submitted by the Coos County Airport District (CCAD) under the BUILD - Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Transportation Discretionary Grant – program. With a cost of $9.266 million, this will create significant, long-term economic growth for Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane counties and the state of Oregon. The project will occur in a significantly, economically depressed rural area (population 70,000) of Coos County, Oregon, and the greater southern Oregon coast.

In the grant application, CCAD requests consideration of a $8,339,400 award under BUILD, to be matched by $926,600 in secured funding. The $9.266 million project scope will support the cost of clearances, reviews/evaluations, approvals and permitting for demolition of several World War II-era defunct facilities, site prep and construction of a modern and functional bulk storage and transfer cargo facility and commercial infrastructure expansion.

Based on recent multi-year data of regional cargo growth, Southwest Oregon Regional Airport (OTH) general aviation and business aircraft use revenue, current and projected regional seafood export growth, and constant demand for available commercial leasehold property at the airport, this project is anticipated to create an additional 25-40 industry construction jobs, attract and sustain 40-50 new regional FTE's, which will increase state and federal taxes; and add millions of dollars to the regional economy, over the next decade.

As a key economic generator for the region, CCAD has created and sustained jobs for nearly every industry in the region. CCAD is home to a diverse tenant group that includes, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Coast Guard, the Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Human Services, Oregon State Corrections, UPS, FEDEX, and 33 other business, government and commercial tenants.

We would like to thank you for your time and thorough review of this important economic development project, located in Coos County Oregon.

Best,

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Chuck's Seafood

May 11, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
BUILD Review Committee
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Ms. Chao and the BUILD Review Committee:

This letter is in support of the Coos County Airport District's application for the BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant program funding for the construction of improved infrastructure and a modern seafood and bulk cargo storage and transfer facility.

This project will remove hazardous World War II facilities and will open up property for a modern functional cargo storage and transfer facility, which in turn will allow for regional seafood harvesters to export their products nationally.

As a seafood business in Oregon, we have sought economical and efficient ways to get our products to our vendors, which has been an ongoing issue for the industry especially on the Southern Oregon Coast. This facility, in conjunction with having access to industrial size freezer and refrigeration space, will help us become more competitive in the seafood market, creating a direct economic benefit for Southern Oregon, which includes Coos, Curry and Douglas Counties.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to support this grant application. This is a great way to BUILD our local economy.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Chao and the BUILD Review Committee:

We are a small company that produces and sells athletic equipment to high schools and colleges throughout the United States. We import most of our parts regionally and acquire some from overseas.

We have been leasing our present location from the Coos County Airport District (KOTH) for the last seven (7) years. The building is in poor condition, it is drafty. leaks and contains asbestos. We are constantly having to repair the roof.

We have plans to construct a new facility on the airport, with an investment of $250,000 to $300,000. Having a new upgraded and modern infrastructure for our facility is important for our investments and access to an efficient cargo operation is vital.

We strongly support the BUILD grant application.

Sincerely,

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May 7, 2020

Elaine Chao
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
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1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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Ms. Chao and the BUILD Review Committee:

This letter is in support of the Coos County Airport District's application for the BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant program funding for the construction of improved infrastructure and a modern seafood and bulk cargo storage and transfer facility.

This project will remove hazardous World War II facilities and will open up property for a modern functional cargo storage and transfer facility, which in turn will allow for regional seafood harvesters to export their products nationally. Additionally, the improvements will provide available space for much needed commercial development opportunities that currently exist that cannot be met due to limited commercial land options. This is a great way to BUILD our local economy.

As a seafood business in Oregon, we have sought economical and efficient ways to get our products to our vendors, which has been an ongoing issue for the industry especially on the Southern Oregon Coast. This facility, in conjunction with having access to industrial size freezer and refrigeration space, will help us become more competitive in the seafood market, creating a direct economic benefit for Southern Oregon, which includes Coos, Curry and Douglas Counties.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to support this grant application.

Sincerely, Scott Adams

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As a seafood business in Oregon, we have sought economical and efficient ways to get our products to our vendors, which has been an ongoing issue for the industry especially on the Southern Oregon Coast. This facility, in conjunction with having access to industrial size freezer and refrigeration space, will help us become more competitive in the seafood market, creating a direct economic benefit for Southern Oregon, which includes Coos, Curry and Douglas Counties.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to support this grant application. This is a great way to BUILD our local economy.

Sincerely,

Leesa Cobb

Leesa Cobb, Executive Director

PacificSeafood

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

May 15, 2020

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Dear Ms. Chao and the BUILD Review Committee:

I write on behalf of Pacific Seafood Group in support of the Coos County Airport District's application for the BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant program. The application seeks funding for construction of improved infrastructure and a modern bulk cargo storage and transfer facility.

The proposed project will remove hazardous World War II facilities and open up property for a modern functional cargo storage and transfer facility. Such facility would allow for regional seafood harvesters and processes to export their products nationally.

As a seafood business headquartered in Oregon, we are always looking for economical and efficient ways to get products to our vendors. Cost-effective access to those vendors has been an ongoing issue for the industry, particularly on the Southern Oregon Coast. This facility, in conjunction with access to industrial size freezer and refrigeration space, will help increase our competitiveness in the seafood market, creating a direct economic benefit for Southern Oregon, which includes Coos, Curry and Douglas Counties.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to support this grant application. Please do not hesitate to contact my office directly if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

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This project will remove hazardous World War II facilities and will open up property for a modern functional cargo storage and transfer facility, which in turn will allow for regional seafood harvesters to export their products nationally.

As a seafood business in Coos Bay Oregon, we have sought economical and efficient ways to get our products to our vendors, which has been an ongoing issue for the industry especially on the Southern Oregon Coast. Currently, we are only capable of shipping 24 pallets of product a week, due to unreliable trucking services.

This facility, in conjunction with having access to industrial size freezer and refrigeration space, will help us become more competitive in the seafood market, creating a direct economic benefit for Southern Oregon, which includes Coos, Curry and Douglas Counties and allowing us to increase our employment by approx. 20 FTE.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to support this grant application. This is a great way to BUILD our local economy.

Sincerely,

Seth Silverman
Managing Member
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DulsEnergy Inc. is a northwest business that is cultivating and commercializing a particular strain of dulse seaweed that is naturally occurring, fast growing, highly nutritious, and for which multiple markets exist. Our first facility is located in Bandon, Oregon, just south of Coos Bay. One of our highest expenses at this point is transporting our fresh seaweed to market. As Oregon's largest seaweed producer, we have sought economical and efficient ways to get our products to our vendors, which has been an ongoing issue for the industry especially on the Southern Oregon Coast. This facility, in conjunction with having access to industrial size freezer and refrigeration space, will help us become more competitive in the seafood market, creating a direct economic benefit for Southern Oregon, which includes Coos, Curry and Douglas Counties.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to support this grant application. This is a great way to BUILD our local economy.

Sincerely,

Jason Busch
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