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City of Oak Ridge  
Attn: Mark Watson, City Manager  
200 South Tulane Avenue  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Dear Mark:

The planned airport project at East Tennessee Technology Park is an essential component in the future economic growth of the region and an important feature for potential business development. Many businesses or projects that could be positively impacted by the construction of the airport have ongoing research partnerships with Oak Ridge National Laboratory, which is managed for the US Department of Energy by UT-Battelle, LLC.


In support of the continued development of the airport construction project, the UT-Battelle Development Corporation would like to contribute funds to the City of Oak Ridge to provide funding to secure state and/or federal grants that require local matching dollars.

Should the project fail to be completed and matching funds become unnecessary, all contributions would be returned in full to the UT-Battelle Development Corporation.

Please acknowledge receipt of this communication and respond with the City's acceptance or rejection of this designated contribution and agreement to return the funds if not used. Our hope is that this commitment will serve to fulfill, at least in part, the community obligation of grants to help make the Oak Ridge Airport a reality.

We are grateful for the City's leadership in this project and partnership in economic and community development issues.

Regards,



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President

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