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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 8, 2017

TO: Members of the 110th Tennessee General Assembly

FROM: John C. Schroer, Commissioner
Department of Transportation

RE: **Aeronautics Economic Development Fund**

Pursuant to T. C. A. § 4-3-2314, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) hereby announces grant opportunities under the Aeronautics Economic Development Fund in order to facilitate economic development activities and programs related to aeronautics.

Public Chapter No. 460, Section 1, Title III-22, Item 10.14 appropriated \$15,000,000 to the Aeronautics Economic Development Fund that will be allocated to Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority (MKAA), pending Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval of a potential aviation facility in Oak Ridge. MKAA is the only public entity in the State with planning documents for a new airport currently under review.

Additionally, Public Chapter No. 460, Section 57, Item 1.27 appropriated \$15,000,000 to the Aeronautics Economic Development Fund that will be allocated for a grant solicitation where TDOT will be accepting grant applications from public entities beginning November 8, 2017. For more information about this grant opportunity, please visit:

<http://www.tn.gov/tdot/topic/aeronautics-economic-development-fund>.

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