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October 17, 2007

Mayor Mike Wendel
City of Prineville
387 NE 3rd Street
Prineville, OR 97754

Dear Mayor Wendel:

The City of Madras is asking for a letter of support from the City of Prineville for a Connect Oregon II project proposal.

The project is titled the "Heavy Aircraft and Major Engine Maintenance Facility." The intent of the project is to build a 30,000 square foot hangar in which major engine maintenance can occur on large radial aircraft engines as well as airframe inspection and repair. The facility would house a well known and reputable private aircraft maintenance business that specializes in this type of work. While the business will be required to pay for lease space, Connect Oregon II grant and loan assistance is necessary to make the project economically viable for both the City and the business. Additional benefits include:

- Intermodal benefits associated with servicing airfreight haulers and their aircraft.
- Highly skilled family wage job development and preservation.
- Building on General Aviation Airports as an important part of the intermodal transportation system in Oregon.
- The business will bring an air carrier certificate to Madras enabling it to provide on demand air transportation to Madras and Jefferson County.
- The business is currently developing a business plan and strategy to expand into the helicopter heavy lift market.
- The business will initially support radial powered aircraft and in the future provide inspection and repair on turbine powered aircraft.

The City of Madras did not make a project application under Connect Oregon I. However, we did support those Sister Cities in Central Oregon that did make applications in that initial round. We hope that the City of Prineville can provide a similar letter of support for Madras.

I hope that you understand the necessity of our being discreet regarding the business' name and other details. That information will become public later. Meanwhile, attached is an example of a letter of support for our project. Please let me know if you require any additional information on this request.

Very truly yours,

Mike Morgan
City Administrator

CC: Rob Corbett, City Manager
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"A goal without commitment and determination is a lost dream."

EXAMPLE
LETTER OF SUPPORT

Date

Mayor Jason Hale
City of Madras
71 SE D Street
Madras, OR 97741

Dear Mayor Hale:

The City of _____, provides this letter of support for the City of Madras' Connect Oregon II grant application

The Madras project, entitled the "Heavy Aircraft and Major Engine Maintenance Facility" provides for the construction of a 30,000 square foot hangar at the Madras Airport. It is our understanding that this new facility will house a business that maintains large radial engines and provides airframe inspection and repair for large aircraft. It appears that this project addresses many Connect Oregon II objectives, including:

- economic benefit to the State through the creation and retention of family wage jobs
- reduces air and ground transportation costs by retaining and expanding this aircraft maintenance service in Oregon
- improves the utilization and efficiency of a critical transportation mode (air freight and general aviation airports)

Good luck with your application.

Very truly yours,