

FISCAL YEAR 2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE -- REP. Michael Burgess (TX-26)

Must be completed and submitted NO LATER than COB February 27, 2009

Please submit completed questionnaire to matt.johnson@mail.house.gov

PLEASE NOTE: ALL REQUESTS MUST INCLUDE A FORMAL LETTER OF REQUEST ON OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD EXPLAINING THE PROJECT. THIS QUESTIONNAIRE SHOULD ACCOMPANY, NOT REPLACE, A FORMAL LETTER OF REQUEST AND ANY OTHER QUESTIONNAIRE

I. PROJECT BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

1. Please provide a formal name for this project: **City of Denton – Denton Municipal Airport Safety & Security Enhancements**
2. Please describe the project and its purpose: **The project calls for the installation of security fencing and controlled access to Denton Municipal Airport.**
3. Please outline the project plan, including the finance plan: **The FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act includes \$570,000 for the project and the City of Denton will provide \$110,000 for the project.**

II. BENEFIT TO THE 26th DISTRICT AND/OR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. Please explain how this project will improve life, the economy or the general welfare of the 26th District and/or the country at-large. Please be specific (i.e. outline number of jobs created, savings to economy or taxpayers, improve national security): **The City of Denton appreciates the delegation's continued support for this priority project at the Denton Municipal Airport. The Airport plays an important role in the regional economy, serving as the general aviation hub for North Texas. As a result of substantial capital investments by the City of Denton and TxDOT, the Denton Airport has increased the number of private developments on the field. These developments have in turn increased the airfield employment base by more than 40 percent and the development pace is projected to continue to grow. The City of Denton is requesting this discretionary funding for security enhancements to address the lack of security fencing, which the Federal Aviation Administration has identified as a weakness needed to be addressed.**
2. Please explain why this project should be considered a priority: **The Federal Aviation Administration has identified the lack of a perimeter fence and controlled access points as a weakness that Denton Municipal Airport needs to address. The Denton Airport attracts aircraft operations from all over the world due to its major maintenance facilities as well as its location and convenience in North Texas. As a general aviation hub in North Texas, continued improvements play an important role in keeping up with the needs of the airport users. Installation of the security fencing will further facilitate the current growth trend at the Denton Airport as more and more corporate aircraft operators will only utilize secured facilities.**

III. REQUEST

1. Amount of money you are requesting: **\$420,000**

2. Agency from which you are requesting funds: **Federal Aviation Administration**

3. Account from which you are requesting funds: **Airport Improvement Program**

IV. FUNDING HISTORY

1. What is the total project cost and can you provide a federal-state/local-other funding breakdown?

Total Project Cost = \$1,100,000

Federal = \$990,000

City of Denton = \$110,000

2. Has the project ever received federal funds before? If so, please elaborate.

Yes, the project received \$570,000 in FY 2009.

3. Has the project received state, local or private funds before? If so, please elaborate.

Yes, the City of Denton has budgeted \$110,000 for this project.

4. Can you demonstrate a commitment for future funds from state, local, or private sectors? If so, please elaborate to the extent possible.

Yes, the City of Denton has budgeted \$110,000 for this project. Overall, the City of Denton, TXDOT and several private companies have invested millions of dollars in Denton Municipal Airport, including a new terminal, a new control tower and hangars for aircraft storage and repair.

5. How do you intend to spend federal funds for this project (operating, construction, studies, equipment purchase, salaries, other)?

The requested federal funds will be used for construction of a security fence and controlled access points for Denton Municipal Airport.

6. Does the project request stem from a currently-funded federal program (i.e., an already existing congressional authorization)? If so, please explain and be as specific as possible.

The project is eligible for Airport Improvement Program funding,

V. PROJECT HISTORY

1. Please briefly explain the level of support for the project in the local and any other community (if letters of support exist, please attach to this form).

The project enjoys widespread support and letters of support will be submitted shortly.

2. Has the project encountered any objections within the local or other interested communities? If so, please describe (if letters or official records exist noting objections to the project, please attach to this form).

No.

3. Please briefly explain the current stage and expected timeline of the project in as great a detail as possible.

Once funding for the entire project is available, the City can proceed quickly to construction.

VI. CONTACTS

1. Who is the primary point of contact for the request?

John Cabrales, Public Information/Intergovernmental Relations Officer

2. Contact information (telephone and e-mail):

940-349-8509

john.cabrales@cityofdenton.com

3. Mailing address of entity that would receive the funding?

215 East McKinney

Denton TX 76201

VII. TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

1. How much of this request can be spent in fiscal year 20109?

The entire request can be spent in FY 2010.

2. If this is a highway, transit, rail, or aviation request, did you check eligibility with the state DOT, FTA, FRA, or FAA?

Yes.

2a. If yes, did the agency indicate the project is eligible under the account requested?

Yes.

3. If this is an FHWA request, is the project considered by the state and/or regional transportation officials as critical to their needs?

NA

4. If a highway request, is the project on the state's transportation improvement plan?

NA

PRIORITY PROJECT REQUEST CRITERIA

CERTIFICATION:

I, **Mark Burroughs**, ATTEST THAT THIS PROJECT REQUEST MADE ON BEHALF OF

The City of Denton MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. All appropriations requests must be a priority for the 26th District and/or the country-at large as defined as enhancing life, liberty, or the general welfare.
2. All requests must be a proper and wise use of federal taxpayer dollars and must be justified as such. Projects that include a commitment to match federal funds will receive priority consideration.
3. All requests will be immediately posted on the website and supporting documentation made available to press outlets and interested individuals.
4. None of the funding requested will be used for a building, program, or project that has been named for Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D. No request will be made that Congressman Burgess or his spouse has any financial interest.
5. All requests shall be made in accordance with House of Representatives rules, and within Appropriations Committee deadlines. No funding request will be submitted after the deadline established by the Committee

Name of person certifying: **Mark Burroughs**

Title of person certifying: **Mayor**

Project name as it will appear in the bill: **Denton Municipal Airport Safety & Security Enhancements**

Legal name of entity making request: **City of Denton, Texas**

Address: **215 East McKinney, Denton TX 76201**

Signature

Date