

# 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](mailto: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:

Alliance Airport Runway Extension Project, Fort Worth, Texas

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2. Please describe the project and its purpose:

This is an ongoing Runway extension project that will lengthen the runways to 11,000 feet and will allow for greater utilization of the airfield and provide greater capacity as a reliever for DFW. It will also allow for the cargo carriers to safely maximize their loads and not have to compromise fuel, cargo or both. The increased growth of the airfield will provide many jobs and economic activity.

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3. Please outline the project plan, including the finance plan:

Alliance Airport's Finance Plan Estimates

Total Project Cost and Share Requirements

Total Project Cost: \$212 Million

Local Share: \$50-60 Million (all sources)

FAA Share: \$150 ---160 Million (Up to 95% of total is eligible.)

#### **What Alliance Has Received**

Total: \$84 Million

- Local - \$8.6 Million (Sources: \$4.7 M land credit – city of Ft Worth; \$5.1 M – Tarrant Co Bond)
- FAA - \$69 Million
- 2005 Transportation Earmark - \$6.5

Total Federal – \$75.5 M

#### **What Alliance Needs**

Total: \$128 Million

- Local – \$29 Million
- FAA (AIP grants and appropriations) – \$99 Million

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## II. BENEFIT TO THE 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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):

Since inception in the early 90's, the Alliance project – anchored by the airport, has created \$6.16 billion in total investment (5.25% public and 94.75% private) with an economic impact of \$28.5 billion. The Alliance project has created 24,000 jobs and more than 25 million square feet of industrial space has been built. **Total FAA Grant funding to date to \$69 million for the runway extension project.** The City's share of all grants for Alliance Airport has been in the form of in-kind land credits. Since development of Alliance Airport, there have been numerous land donations to the City for the airport. The value of these donations to date has been appraised at over \$15,000,000. Additional land will be donated as part of the runway extension. It is anticipated this additional land donation will provide adequate credit to cover the City's share of the runway extension project. It's all about jobs, business opportunity, aviation capacity, and safety.

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2. Please explain why this project should be considered a priority:

The runway extension project has local, regional and national significance and impacts the infrastructure around the airport. In addition to the runway extension the project will open up the west side of the airport for more airside development and improve access to the Alliance Intermodal facility, which has already proven economic growth benefits to the entire North Texas area. With the advantages of a longer runway at Alliance the nation benefits from this premier intermodal industrial facility that can serve the world. It's all about jobs in North Texas and Denton County.

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## III. REQUEST

1. Amount of money you are requesting:

\$51 million for the rail. Rail design and ROW will be completed in 2009 and construction would occur in 2010. This number, as in past years, represents what we could spend. (Actual expenditures will be \$80 million. \$51 million represents the Federal portion).

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2. Agency from which you are requesting funds:

FAA

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3. Account from which you are requesting funds:

AIP

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#### IV. FUNDING HISTORY

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

Total Estimated Project Cost (2007 dollars) \$216,161,603. As previously stated, Funding for the project has come from a variety of sources, primarily from FAA, AIP discretionary grants. City of Forth Worth matching funds have come from land credits valued at over \$15 million. Other funding has been obtained for FM 156, specifically, a \$6.5 million priority project in the 2005 Transportation Authorization (TEA-LU) bill and \$5.1 million in the 2006 Tarrant County Bond Fund. Other options are on the table as the project moves forward.

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

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|-------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 3-48-0296-1401    | Phase I    | \$ 1,329,173.00        | Federal Funds |
| 3-48-0296-1701    | Phase II   | \$ 6,523,141.00        | Federal Funds |
| 3-48-0296-1802    | Phase III  | \$ 4,500,000.00        | Discretionary |
| 3-48-0296-22-2003 | Phase IV   | \$ 7,039,276.00        | Federal Funds |
| 3-48-0296-24-2004 | Phase V    | \$ 7,099,197.00        | Discretionary |
|                   |            | \$ 1,988,200.00        | General Funds |
| 3-48-0296-27-2005 | Phase VI   | \$10,561,878.00        | Federal Funds |
| 3-48-0296-30-2006 | Phase VII  | <u>\$10,000,000.00</u> | Discretionary |
| 3-48-0296-33-2007 | Phase VIII | <u>\$10,001,000.00</u> | Federal Funds |
| 3-48-0296-34-2008 | Phase IX   | <u>\$10,000,000.00</u> | Federal Funds |
|                   |            | \$69,041,865.00        |               |

Congressional Appropriations Earmarks:

FY01: \$7.85  
FY02: \$4.5 million  
FY03: \$3.0 million  
FY04: \$0  
FY05: \$4.0 million  
FY06: \$4.0 million  
FY07: \$ (NO earmarks in FY 2007 bill)  
FY08: \$800,000  
FY09: \$1,757,500

**All Congressional Earmarks – Total: \$25.908 million \***  
**(\* Source: FAA Airports office)**

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

See answer #1.

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

Approximately \$84 million has been allocated to the project to date. \$69 million has been received from FAA Grants; \$6.5 million from a Federal DOT grant; and, local match of \$8.6 million (\$4.7 City of Fort Worth and \$5.1 million Tarrant County). Additional funding of \$80 million has been approved by the Regional Transportation Commission of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (COG) of which \$51 million of that \$80 million will be reimbursed through FAA Grants. Required funds to complete the project are approximately \$48 million (plus the reimbursement to COG). Project completion date is 2015

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

The \$51 million we are requesting is for the rail. Rail design and ROW will be completed in 2009 and construction would occur in 2010. This number, as in past years, represents what we could spend. (Actual expenditures will be \$80 million. \$51 million represents the Federal portion).

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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.

Yes. The airport serves as a reliever airport for DFW International and is eligible under AIP to receive funds for improvement projects.

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## 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).

There is no known opposition to this ongoing project. Tarrant County, Denton County, all of the local cities and municipalities are on board as are all of the other quasi-governmental entities (COG) the MPO, etc. All have been a part of this project from the beginning.

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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. All surrounding communities are part of the entire process and have been since the beginning of the process (1992)

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

The funding for the relocation of FM 156 is now complete and the construction will finish this year. Much earthwork has already been completed where the actual extension will be located. The entire project, provided a continuing stream of funding, should be completed by 2015.

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## VI. CONTACTS

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

Texas: Tim Ward, President, Alliance Air Services on behalf of the City of Fort Worth  
Washington: Glenn LeMunyon, LeMunyon Group, LLC

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

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| Tim Ward:      | <a href="mailto:tim.ward@hillwood.com">tim.ward@hillwood.com</a>     | (817) 890-1000 |
| Glenn LeMunyon | <a href="mailto:glenn@lemunyongroup.com">glenn@lemunyongroup.com</a> | (202) 547-9050 |

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

Fort Worth's Alliance Airport on behalf of the City of Fort Worth  
2221 Alliance Boulevard, Suite 100  
Fort Worth, Texas 76177-4300

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## VII. TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

1. How much of this request can be spent in fiscal year 2009?

All of it.

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

FAA and yes, it is eligible.

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

Yes.

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

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

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## PRIORITY PROJECT REQUEST CRITERIA

### CERTIFICATION:

I, Glenn LeMunyon, ATTEST THAT THIS PROJECT REQUEST MADE ON BEHALF OF

Fort Worth's Alliance Airport MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. All appropriations requests must be a priority for the 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Glenn B. LeMunyon

Title of person certifying President, LeMunyon Group, LLC on behalf of Alliance Airport, Fort Worth

Project name as it will appear in the bill Alliance Airport, Fort Worth Runway Extension Project

Legal name of entity making request Alliance Air Services on behalf of Fort Worth's Alliance Airport

Address 2221 Alliance Boulevard, Suite 100, Fort Worth, Texas 76177-4300

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Signature

Date