**Project Name:**
Global Transportation and Industrial Park (GTIP)

**Recipient:**
Ardmore Development Authority

**Address of Recipient:**
410 W. Main Street
Ardmore, Oklahoma 74301

**Request Amount:**
$50,000,000

**Project Explanation:**
The Project will help drive increased and more efficient movement of agricultural and manufactured freight through the enhancement of an existing intermodal facility. The infrastructure at the airpark is 60 years old. Requested funds will be used to pay for replacing the infrastructure required to expand the airport so that it can accommodate more large aircraft for import and export of cargo. The space is available and ready to be used, it just needs a clean water supply, upgraded fire water systems, sanitary sewer, street improvements, and airside improvements that include replacement of apron and a short taxiway from the south end of the main runway. The need for cargo handling capacity at U.S. airports is greater than ever and will remain that way until e-commerce and the demand for next and second day deliveries no longer exist. The Ardmore Airpark is probably one of the nation’s best available, underutilized assets to help fill this critical need. Economic and feasibility studies indicate significant job creation in an economically distressed tribal region of benefit will result.

The Ardmore Industrial Airpark is a former military airport located 16 miles northeast of Ardmore, Oklahoma, in the Chickasaw Nation sovereign territory. The airpark and surrounding land have been developed and are currently operating in a public-private partnership as an intermodal transportation hub including transload, warehousing, air, truck, and privately-owned rail facilities. The community project funding would expand the airpark’s function as a hub of economic activity. Increased capacity for operations through the facilities will be a stimulus to Oklahoma’s export producing industries. The direct impact of the project on exports is estimated to range from $305.1 million to $610.2 million with the direct impact spread across a range of industries.

The development of the Ardmore Industrial Airpark as an international port of entry will provide access for foreign imports and exports to a dedicated cargo facility with air, rail, and truck/transload access to over 20% of the U.S. population. For Oklahoma producers, the facility will provide easier access to foreign and domestic markets by providing new and needed capacity to export Oklahoma agricultural and manufactured products. The full development of the airpark and adjacent property combined with the operations of a major global logistics hub will exert economic impacts across the state.

The feasibility study commissioned in part by the U.S. Economic Development Administration included an economic analysis conducted by Dr. Russell Evans, PhD., Associate Professor of
Economics, Executive Director, Steven C. Agee Economic Research & Policy Institute, Oklahoma City University, has projected a resulting increase of up to 18,500 new jobs, a new labor income increase from $500 million to $1.2 billion, and a total economic impact increase from $1.7 billion to $3.8 billion.

The demand for air cargo access will continue to grow, and the project has immense support from both tribal, state, and local governments.
April 30, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Global Transportation and Industrial Park (GTIP) in Fiscal Year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Ardmore Development Authority located at 410 W. Main Street Ardmore, Oklahoma 74301.

The funding would be used for developing the necessary infrastructure to drive the creation of a global logistics park at the Ardmore Industrial Airpark. Completed economic and feasibility studies indicate job creation in an economically distressed area and tribal region. The project will create an expanded international air cargo and rail freight served industrial park in the direct pathway along I-35. The project will connect the economies of Oklahoma City to the DFW metroplex and rest of the world.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Tom Cole
Member of Congress