

Joe Magruder

From: Tad Curtis
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2010 11:34 AM
To: Larry McManus; Keith Graf; Larry Silvey
Cc: Lawrence Ruggiano
Subject: RE: Central Texas Airport

All:

I spoke to the Eco Dev director in Elgin and he is fully aware now that the funding representation mentioned in the email (highlighted below) is not accurate as far as we are aware. They plan to keep their heads down and let things work out. Also let him know that Keith/Larry are happy to keep track of the project and were already aware of the activity so if something big pops later they will continue to be available for support.

Tad

From: Larry McManus
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2010 11:07 AM
To: Tad Curtis
Cc: Lawrence Ruggiano
Subject: RE: Central Texas Airport

I do not know what they are referring to....You may want to touch base with Larry R.

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From: Tad Curtis
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2010 10:52 AM
To: Larry McManus
Cc: Lawrence Ruggiano
Subject: RE: Central Texas Airport

Larry:

Do you have any idea if their statement true about available funding? I don't know of any...is anyone aware of \$2B in funding from our office or could he perhaps be referring to SECO? I don't mind calling the local eco dev partner to set him straight but it sounds like someone is misinformed.

Tad

From: Larry McManus
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2010 11:31 AM
To: Tad Curtis
Cc: Larry McManus
Subject: FW: Central Texas Airport

Tad,

FYI - see highlighted below regarding what they are trying to recruit. Elgin eco devo guy is involved with this one.

Larry

-----Original Message-----

From: Lawrence Ruggiano
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 12:25 PM
To: 'dsheehan'

Cc: Larry Williams 432-10
Subject: RE: Central Texas Airport

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Dennis:

I spoke with Keith Graf this morning, our Director of Aerospace & Aviation, and he suggested that you contact the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Office. Dave Fulton is their Director but Keith said it may be better to reach out to Bill Gunn in their office. Keith said that our office probably doesn't have any incentives at this point since this is a privately funded airport, but also suggested to contact Larry Silvey on his staff to further explore some possibilities. I'm copying Larry S. on this so he will be aware of these discussions.

Another point person who had told me several months back that Jim needs to get the 381 Agreement signed before the State can seriously consider any type of assistance is Larry McManus (whom you probably know), so I would also contact "that" Larry as well. All these Larry's!! I've copied him too so he is aware of this.

I would start here and see what these gentlemen have to say so Jim will have a better understanding of what type of potential for assistance may be available. As I said in my earlier e-mail my role here is to assist small rural communities with their small business development and my department has no financial incentives so we try to bring resources by hosting forums and workshops to their attention so they can hopefully access some programs that may be available. One of the "Larry's" or the TXDot Aviation person can offer advice as to what programs may be available with state and/or federal funding for this project.

Please let me know what else I can do to assist, but for now this is the course I would recommend you and Jim take initially.

Thanks-

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-----Original Message-----

From: dsheehan [mailto:dsheehan@ci.elgin.tx.us]
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 8:41 AM
To: Lawrence Ruggiano
Subject: RE: Central Texas Airport

Let me know when will be good for you and I will give you a call.

Dennis

-----Original Message-----

From: Lawrence Ruggiano [mailto:larry.ruggiano@governor.state.tx.us]
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 2:41 PM
To: dsheehan@ci.elgin.tx.us
Subject: Re: Central Texas Airport

I'll be back in the office tomorrow and we can talk then. Thanks

Sent from my HTC on the Now Network from Sprint!

----- Reply message -----

From: "dsheehan" <dsheehan@ci.elgin.tx.us>
Date: Tue, Jun 15, 2010 2:30 pm
Subject: Central Texas Airport
To: "Lawrence Ruggiano" <larry.ruggiano@governor.state.tx.us>

Larry

Now that Jim has his 381 Agreement with Bastrop County we should see about sitting down when you have some time to discuss what we might do to help moving forward.

Regards,
Dennis

-----Original Message-----

From: Lawrence Ruggiano [mailto:larry.ruggiano@governor.state.tx.us]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 10:37 AM
To: dsheehan; 'James R. Carpenter'
Subject: RE: Larry Ruggiano

Hi Dennis:

Likewise, nice to visit via e-mail with you as well. I used to work quite a bit with your predecessor, Amy Miller, when I worked at the LCRA back in the 90's. As I told Jim, my role here at the Governor's Office is assisting communities with their Small Business/Entrepreneurship Development but am willing to assist in any way I can with Jim's project. To date I've been told that until Jim has his agreements in place it would be premature to bring the state folks to the table. Once he has that then we have to position his development to show job creation and capital investment from a particular company or companies as they sign on.

We can talk about all this next week when the agreement is finalized and I will bring the appropriate parties to the table for further discussions. In the meantime let's keep our fingers crossed that next Monday's meeting goes smoothly and then our work can begin. Look forward to working with you in the near future.

Thanks-

Larry

From: dsheehan [dsheehan@ci.elgin.tx.us]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 9:55 AM
To: 'James R. Carpenter'
Cc: Lawrence Ruggiano
Subject: RE: Larry Ruggiano

Larry

It is good to meet you, at least thru the electronic media. We are all waiting to see what the Bastrop County Commissioners will do at next Monday's meeting. Based on the outcome of that meeting I would like to see about getting together with you to discuss this project further and the potential impacts, social and economic, that it may have. With regard to the letter from the Commissioner's Court/County Judge it would be helpful to

know what the letter should include/cover.

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Regards,
Dennis

From: James R. Carpenter [mailto:jim@carpenteraustin.com]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 8:13 PM
To: Dennis Sheehan
Cc: Larry Ruggiano
Subject: FW: Larry Ruggiano

Dennis, Larry;
I am exchanging your respective contact information so you can get together.

Larry, Dennis is the Economic Development Director for Elgin and is familiar with airports as economic development generators from previous work with Caribbean countries that depended upon the airport for their commerce. Dennis has offered to head the effort to get a letter from the Bastrop County Commissioners Court or Judge to the Governor's office requesting assistance with all of the various forms of support, funding and contacts that could be available.

This weekend I received a request for education donation assistance from a former school board official at Bastrop ISD that advised me that Bastrop has a 25% illiteracy rate and over 60% of the school children are from economically disadvantaged families. This is a staggering statistic for central Texas and only 16-miles from the Texas State Capital. Education, job creation and economic development are what The Perryman Group point out in the Economic Assessment for Central Texas Airport and Green Corporate Centers.

We have a Japanese based solar company coming in to meet with us at 2pm tomorrow. Eco-Merge wants to strike a deal to build and operate a 3-4 megawatt solar generation facility at Central Texas Airport. They say they can deliver the power purchase agreements with LCRA and Bluebonnet if we can get some of the \$2B in alternative energy/sustainable community project funding from the Governor's office. We have an additional sweetener in seeking this type of funding. Our CTA-GCC project needs the power in a remote location (that airports require) but our project is a unique economic engine that creates employment at unprecedented levels for a very poor Bastrop County community and area school districts. Larry, this area suffered through 3 ½ years of exceptional drought which further ravaged the already struggling agricultural industry. If the Governor's office helps get this funding for this solar infrastructure asset Bastrop County will have trumped the City of Austin's failed Pecan Street Project and \$250mm solar project on its Austin Energy tract in Webberville. We will build the first green airport in America and first sustainable commercial campus (real-time smart grid community) with newly patented technology that Tiga brings. This creates the base for our "smart grid" jobs in addition to those generated as a result of the airport.

This is just one example of areas of assistance that could be available that could have a huge positive impact on our airport project and the types of employers that we can attract to Green Corporate Centers if we have solar power that can be blended with Bluebonnet grid supplied power and State/Federal funding to give us an attractive cost of energy for our project. This same company is doing a deal with Brownsville/CPL for a 30 Mw solar generation facility. Our law firm out of San Antonio introduced us to the Eco-Merge folks which are their clients. We in turn brought in Tiga Energy Services (our technology partner on CTA-GCC) to meet them. Tiga and

Eco-Merge Williams 432-10 into an agreement to help them with the project management, energy generation/transmission/consumption measurement and communication controls.

Dennis, if you can contact Larry you can visit about what the letter should contain and how it should be addressed. Please keep me in the loop.

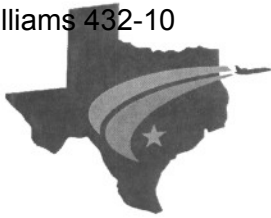
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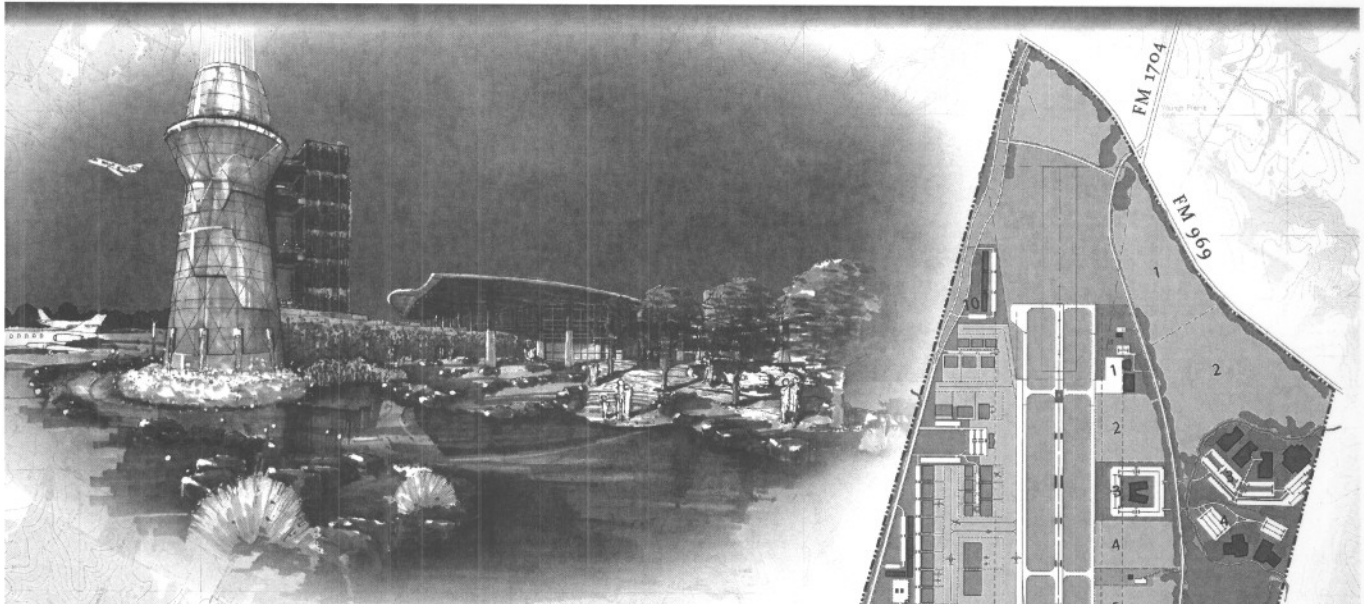
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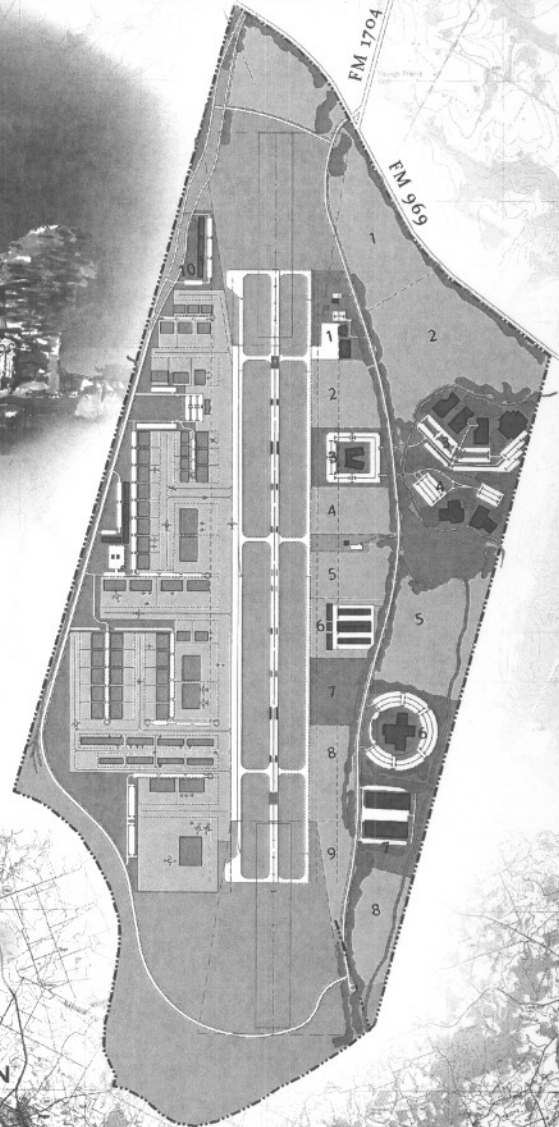
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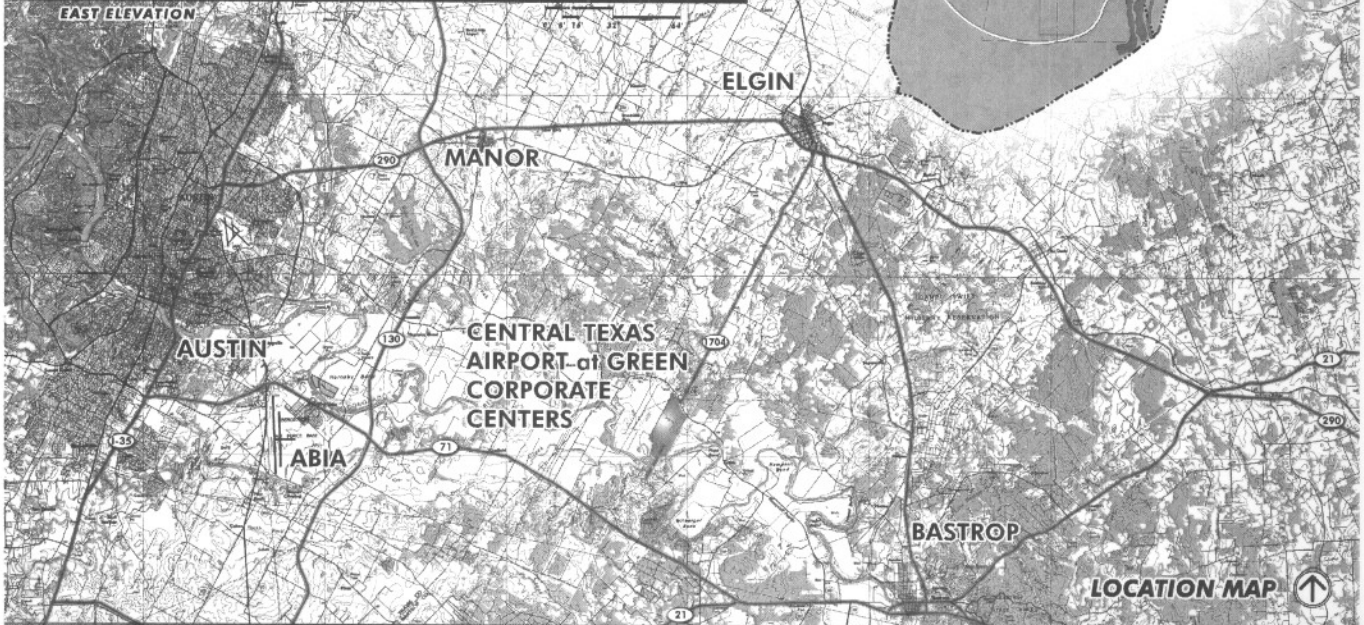


43,000 New Jobs Expected

Projected by the Perryman Group Economic Assessment



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