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Subject: RFQ for sanitary sewer and water at Lawrence Municipal Airport

March 9, 2009

Dear Mayor Dever:

I am writing in support of the RFQ to select an engineering firm for sanitary sewer and water infrastructure at the Lawrence Municipal Airport. The University currently has two hangars on the west side of the airport property that provide space for the Department of Aerospace Engineering research programs and the University flight operation. Aerospace Engineering would like to have another hangar at the airport eventually as its research on prototype unmanned air vehicles grows. The research program currently has to build its prototypes in Learned Hall rather than at the airport due to space limitations. If the prototype succeeds, the researchers would like to pursue development of a facility at the airport that would make them more competitive for grant funding. Unfortunately, future development at the airport is limited because of the lack of access to sanitary sewer and water.

The RFQ to expand the sanitary sewer and water infrastructure would allow development at the airport like that suggested by DAR Corporation. The presence of DAR at the Lawrence Municipal Airport would be good for aviation industry in the state in general and Lawrence in particular. DAR is a potential partner for the Aerospace Engineering Department and could be a source of employment for our graduates as well.

We believe this proposal is good for the City of Lawrence and support the expansion of sanitary sewer and water service to the Lawrence Municipal Airport.

Sincerely,

Theresa Gordzica

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Cc: Dave Corliss, City Manager

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