



October 4, 2005

Russ Blackburn City Manager, City of Gainesville City Hall, Station 6 Post Office Box 490 Gainesville, Florida 32602-0490

Re: Eclipse Aviation Regional Service Center at Gainesville Regional Airport

Mr. Blackburn:

Thank you again for the time you took to get acquainted and learn about the Eclipse Aviation project that is coming to town. The support of the City Commission and the Economic Development Department has been nothing short of outstanding, and was a significant factor in bringing this new economic development project to East Gainesville.

To follow our conversation, on behalf of the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority I respectfully request City of Gainesville support in arranging for the financing of this project, through City Staff and Financial Consulting services under City of Gainesville contract. I would also request the City support the use of Conduit Financing, without a pledge of the full faith and credit of the City of Gainesville, if Conduit Financing is determined to offer any advantage in either cost of debt or in cost of debt issuance.

This project is now on an accelerated track, so your staff's experience and expertise in projects of this magnitude will be a significant assistance in bringing this profound development to our community. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Garrick Crocker, the Airport's Business Manager and CFO, at (352) 373-0249 if we can be of any assistance or provide any additional information you might need. Thank you again for your support and assistance.

Sincerely,

Richard Crider, A.A.E. Chief Executive Officer

cc: Jim Stringfellow, GACRAA Board Chairman

Garrick Crocker, Business Manager / CFO

Erik Bredfeldt, City of Gainesville Director of Economic Development

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