

TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION DISASTER  
SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

**TO APPROVE** application to the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration-Disaster Supplemental Funding Grant.

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation (the "Council") realizes the need for economic development and is hereby developing a one-of-a-kind national test asset ("National Test Site") to support innovative research, development, testing, and evaluation (RDT&E) of emerging manned and unmanned aerial system technologies in a safe and low-risk environment;

**WHEREAS** this National Test Site will be located on 44,000 plus acres (Daisy Ranch) in southeast Oklahoma, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma's (the "Nation")'s ownership offers a unique opportunity for sophisticated testing and safe operations in the immediate airspace, thus providing strict management of ground access and ground risk to ensure privacy during test operations. The Nation is working with several industry partners that are global leaders in the industry and have access to their expertise and institutional knowledge in creating this strategic national development initiative;

**WHEREAS**, the Nation is eligible to apply for up to Five Million dollars to develop an Operations Center that will serve the National Test Site at Daisy Ranch. Developing this initial phase will allow business operations to begin; and

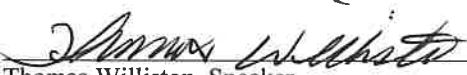
**WHEREAS**, the operations will be managed by the Advanced Technology Initiatives Department.

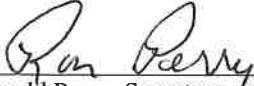
**THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval for application to the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration-Disaster Supplemental Funding Grant.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** by the Council that this Bill be cited as an acknowledgement that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver and file any and all agreements, certificates, instruments and documents, in such form and with such terms and provisions as the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, may approve, and to take such other action as he, she or they may deem proper or appropriate, to carry out the intent and purposes of the foregoing enactments.

CERTIFICATION

*I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on May 9, 2020. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB-77 -20 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.*

  
Thomas Williston, Speaker  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
Ronald Perry, Secretary  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
Gary Batton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 5-14-2020

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**Purpose/Need of Council Bill:** To approve the application for the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration-Disaster Supplemental Funding Grant to assist in building a one-of-a-kind national test asset ("National Test Site") to support innovative research, development, testing, and evaluation (RDT&E) of emerging manned and unmanned aerial system technologies in a safe and low-risk environment.

**Title of Council Bill:** **TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING GRANT**

**Agency:** United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration

**CNO Dept:** Advanced Technology Initiatives

**Budget:** \$5,000,000

**Match Required:** \$\$0.00

**Total Budget:** \$5,000,000

**Request by Project Director/SEO:** Robert Huck, PhD, Project Director; John Redman, Senior Manager Economic and Community Development; Brian Post, Advanced Technology Initiatives Senior Director; James Grimsley, Executive Director of Advanced Technology Initiatives; Tammye Gwin, SEO Strategic Development