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## **NOMINATIONS FOR AIRPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM ACCEPTED THROUGH DECEMBER 14, 2018**



**Date:** September 14, 2018

**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** Jim Rue, Director, Department of Land Conservation and Development

**Re:** Land Conservation and Development Commission Receiving Applications for Airport Economic Development Pilot Program Through December 14, 2018

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In 2017, the Oregon Legislature passed [HB 2743](#) to allow for nominations for an Airport-associated Economic Development Pilot Program. That bill was amended by [HB 4031](#) in 2018. These bills are now at [ORS 197A.405–413](#), and they provide that the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) must establish a site-selection process by which the commission shall select one pilot program site. Eligible sites will be located adjacent to an existing urban growth boundary, not less than 78 miles from a city with a population of 300,000 or more and located in a county with at least seven percent unemployment over the preceding five-year period. The proposed economic development site must also be adjacent to an airport with an approved airport master plan.

LCDC and Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) subsequently convened a rulemaking advisory committee to advise LCDC on the development of administrative rules that would help implement the program and provide a reporting mechanism.

Following the rulemaking advisory committee process, LCDC adopted Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) [660-024-0075](#) in July 2018. According to this rule, DLCD is accepting nominations for the Airport Economic Development Pilot Program through December 14, 2018.

The basic elements of the nomination must include a concept plan that includes a master plan for economic development approved by the nominating city and county, project goals, a map and description proposed comprehensive plan text needed to implement the master plan for at least 20 years, zoning an approved airport master plan governing use of the site, and a public facilities plan.

While DLCD staff have reviewed the criteria for application described in HB 2743, and it appears only one community in Oregon – Madras – may qualify for this Airport Economic Development Pilot Program – other communities are welcome to contact DLCD staff to discuss

the rule or nomination process. To be considered for a nomination, please email Kirstin Greene, Economic Development Specialist at [kirstin.greene@state.or.us](mailto:kirstin.greene@state.or.us) or by phone at 503-934-0014.