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Re: City of Burns Airport Applications

Dear Chris,

Thank you for assisting with the application processes for the City of Burns Airport projects under Connect Oregon III. I understand you are aware of the convoluted information that we received concerning applying for these assistance programs: However, I outline it again in hopes that you will be able to provide the information to the Board Members.

The City of Burns received several similar emails to the following:

We're sending you a note today to remind you applications for *ConnectOregon III* funds (except for rural airport projects) are **due Friday, Nov. 20 and must be received by 4 p.m.** Postmarks will not be accepted.

For rural airport projects, applications are due May 1, 2010.

Since Burns is a rural airport it was out understanding, and we were told, that we could not apply for both segments of Connect Oregon III. It was only after the November 20 deadline that we found this was not true. The Burns Municipal Airport is in a very precarious position since the project assistance is needed to construct a fire suppression system at the airport. Without this infrastructure project the airport remains under a State Fire Marshall imposed moratorium that precludes any economic development at the airport. With 900 plus acres of enterprise zone property available for development this is especially disconcerting to the City.

We sincerely appreciate the Oregon Department of Aviation and its Board Members giving consideration to our situation as it reviews both our applications.