



## Bladen County Economic Development Commission Bladen's Bloomin' Agri-Industrial, Inc.

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To whom it may concern,

I am excited to write this letter of support for the Town of Elizabethtown endeavor to build an Aviation Incubator. Bladen's Bloomin' Agri-Industrial, Inc (BBAI), the Bladen County Economic Development Commission, and the Town of Elizabethtown have worked together over the past 20 years to develop six Industrial Incubators and a downtown Small Business Incubator. These facilities and our revolving loan fund have helped dozens of small businesses start-up or grow in our community.

The Town of Elizabethtown has a great small, rural general aviation airport contiguous to the Elizabethtown Industrial Park which hosts our Industrial Incubator Network. The town has also recently completed a taxiway to a new area of the industrial park that will provide secure inside the fence industrial sites for business and industry requiring runway access. We truly believe that this new Aviation Park can stimulate business development that will make our airport an economic engine for our local economy.

At least 80% of the companies considering our community are looking for an existing quality industrial facility. We have several current prospects interested in starting up and growing in our community. We are confident that a new Aviation Incubator will generate the same types of success stories that our current Industrial Incubator Network has. In addition, Jobs in the aviation sector typically pay higher than other sectors and will be great jobs for recruiting the military veteran workforce that our community desires.

Thank you for your time and consideration in considering the Town of Elizabethtown's request. We are excited about the impact this project will have on our community. If you require additional information or contact please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

  
Chuck Heustess