

**OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION  
APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM  
FISCAL YEAR 2010**

**1. Project Title:**

Aurora State Airport Control Tower

**2. Organization name and address**

Oregon Department of Aviation  
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**3. Primary contact name, phone number, and e-mail:**

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**4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):**

Aurora State Airport  
Aurora, Oregon

**5. Please describe the organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:**

The Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA) is a state agency serving Oregon through its three-fold focus of advocating for the growth, improvement and safe operation of aviation in the state. ODA manages 28 state-owned airports, including Aurora State.

Additionally, ODA is committed to the development and realization of its strategic plan by addressing statewide aviation issues, participating in multi-model coordination, carefully coordinating and managing aviation-related legislation, and providing assistance to aviation constituents, airport owners/sponsors and aviation system users throughout Oregon.

**6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less):**

The project is construction of a much-needed air traffic control tower at the Aurora State Airport. A tower will provide improved safety, regulate flight patterns and reduce noise to the surrounding property. The land is owned by the state of Oregon and a preliminary site location has been identified on the Airport Layout Plan.. The Aurora State Airport is located approximately midway between the Portland metropolitan area and the state capitol in Salem, on the border between Marion and Clackamas Counties. With 421 based aircraft and 86,696 annual operations, it is the busiest non-controlled airport in Oregon and ranks fifth in airport activities in the state, serving a wide range of corporate, charter, and General Aviation users.

**7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?**

No.

**8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):**

US Dept. of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Facilities and Equipment Account

**9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?**

Aurora State Airport is a part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (National Airport Strategic Plan, US FAA) and as such is significant to the national air transportation system. A tower will provide improved safety, regulate flight patterns and reduce noise to the surrounding property and expand economic opportunities both at the airport and to surrounding areas. Aviation-related businesses are more likely to locate at an airport with a control tower. More businesses, including those that support aviation directly and those in the service industry supporting the subsequent growth in the community translate into more jobs.

**10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress?**

**If so, who?**

Yes. Senator Jeff Merkley and Senator Ron Wyden.

**11. Funding Details:**

**a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):** \$4,500,000

**b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:** \$4,037,850

**c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)**

10.27%, or \$462,150 in state support through assessments of property leased by airport tenants.

**d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?** No

**e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010. (e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):**

\$2,705,360 construction

\$1,332,490 FFE (furniture, fixtures and equipment)

**f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:**

Marion County

**g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):** No