

Friday, May 15, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) funding for the
McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) Mooring Modernization Project

Honorable Secretary Chao:

On behalf of Bruce Oakley, Inc., I am writing to voice our organization's strong support of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) application for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant to assist with the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) Mooring Modernization Project. The proposed improvements to mooring structures at critical locations on the MKARNS waterway are both necessary and urgent to provide an increase in overall safety within the MKARNS network, provides economic benefit and support of future development, and improves the reliability of freight movement to meet the strategic goals of both ODOT and the region.

Bruce Oakley, Inc. strongly supports the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) Mooring Modernization Project for its vital contribution to the region, state, and nation. The proposed project supports a network that is critical to Oklahoma's economy and freight movement. We strongly urge your support of full funding for the project. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call on us should you have questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,



Justin Oakley
Vice President
Bruce Oakley, Inc.