

## Build Back Better Regional Challenge Coalition Statement of Cooperation

The following Tulsa Regional Advanced Mobility (TRAM) Cluster entities are cooperating to meet the Build Back Better Regional Challenge (BBBRC):

Serving as the lead institution and coalition member:

- Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG)

Serving as coalition members:

- City of Tulsa (COT)
- Tulsa Authority for Economic Opportunity (TAEO)
- Tulsa Regional Chamber (TRC)
- Tulsa Innovation Labs (TIL)
- Tulsa Airport Improvement Trust (TAIT)
- City of Tulsa-Rogers County Port Authority (“Tulsa Ports”)
- Oklahoma State University (OSU)
- Osage Nation
- George Kaiser Family Foundation

The TRAM cluster builds on Tulsa’s historic success in aviation and advanced manufacturing by actively pursuing opportunities in advanced mobility. The focus of this cluster initiative is geographically located in 21 counties in NE Oklahoma, including the City of Tulsa and the seven county Tulsa MSA, the nation’s newest major metropolitan area with a population of more than 1 million.

INCOG, on behalf of the identified coalition members, is applying to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), U.S. Department of Commerce for a grant award under the FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The purpose of this statement is to establish the framework through which, if the EDA provides a Phase 1 award, the coalition members will collaborate, and articulate the specific roles and responsibilities of each applicant in implementing the approved project.

The Members have worked together cooperatively and unite to submit this application. They pledge to work together to pursue opportunities that enhance regional assets and support the TRAM to catalyze economic growth. At the invitation of the EDA, some or all coalition project sponsors are expected to submit applications for component projects in Phase II of the BBBRC.

### **I. Scope of Work**

Each group applicant agrees to participate in the proposed projects that are set forth in this application for the FY 2021 BBBRC and conduct activities and carry out responsibilities as may be identified in that application.

**II. Assurances**

Each member of the group hereby assures and represents that it:

- 1) Has read the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), and is familiar with the group's application and the projects described therein, and is committed to fully executing the duties and responsibilities of its respective component(s) of the regional growth cluster;
- 2) Will comply with all the terms and conditions of an EDA BBBRC Grant award and all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including laws and regulations applicable to the Program.
- 3) Agrees to work cooperatively and collaboratively with the designated Regional Competitiveness Officer employed by the lead institution and any or all coalition member(s) in the performance of any grant application or award activities.

**V. Signatories**

- *Indian Nations Council of Governments*



Signature/Date

- *City of Tulsa*



Signature/Date

- *Tulsa Authority for Economic Opportunity*



Signature/Date

- *Tulsa Regional Chamber*



Signature/Date

October 18, 2021

- *Tulsa Innovation Labs*

*Nicholas J. Zalla*, 10/18/2021

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Signature/Date

- *Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust*

*Byron Cook* 10-18-2021

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Signature/Date

- *Tulsa Ports*

*David McHugh* 10.15.2021

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Signature/Date

- *Oklahoma State University*

*Kayser Blum, DO*  
Signature/Date 10/15/2021

- *Osage Nation*

*Byron Cook* 10/18/2021

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Signature/Date

- *George Kaiser Family Foundation*

*Ken Leird*  
October 15, 2021