



May 1, 2026

Dear Mayor McNamara,

Subject: Letter of Support – Hillwood Development Agreement

I am writing to express the airport's strong support for Hillwood's proposed development agreement for the subject property.

This site plays a critical role in advancing the region's logistics and industrial base. Its proximity to Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD) supports second and third-line air cargo warehousing, distribution, and long-term advanced manufacturing opportunities. While the airport has ample capacity for first-line cargo operations requiring direct runway access, the surrounding market lacks the modern off-airport industrial space needed to capture and scale the growth generated by those activities.

This development directly addresses that gap. It will enhance supply chain efficiency, support existing and future cargo activity, and strengthen the region's competitiveness for logistics investment.

Approval of this agreement is an important step in aligning on-airport operations with off-airport development and ensuring continued economic growth.

Please let me know if the airport can provide any additional support.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD)