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STATEMENT

TO: Welch Public Schools

FROM: Edward J. Crone, Executive Director

DATE: June 3, 2021

TERMS: Fee for Grand Gateway Annual Membership for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022).

Based on membership category your annual dues are: \$400

Non-Collusion Affidavit

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
COUNTY OF CRAIG

The undersigned person of lawful age, being first duly sworn, on oath says that this invoice is true and correct and that (s) he is authorized to submit the invoice pursuant to a contract or purchase order. Affiant further states that the (work, services or materials) as shown by this invoice have been (completed or supplied) in accordance with the plans, specifications, orders requests or contracts furnished or executed by the affiant. Affiant further states that (s) he has made no payment directly or indirectly to any elected officials, officer or employee of the municipality of money or any other thing of value to obtain payment of the invoice or procure the contract or purchase order pursuant to which an invoice is submitted.

Grand Gateway Economic Development Association


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To: Welch Public Schools:

More than 53 years ago, local governments making up the northernmost seven counties in Oklahoma formed Grand Gateway Economic Development Association (GGEDA). Grand Gateway is privileged to serve as the regional base for intragovernmental and intergovernmental cooperation, information resource distribution and as a sounding board for regional issues. We are excited about the opportunity to work with you in promoting and expanding our region into the most livable place in the state of Oklahoma. With this in mind Grand Gateway invites you to take this opportunity to renew your existing membership or expand our partnership by becoming members during our annual membership campaign.

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Most of you are familiar with the state and federal programs administered by Grand Gateway EDA. The major programs are as follows: the **Area Agency on Aging**-empowering and educating the senior citizens in your community while addressing their needs; **Pelivan Rural Public Transportation System**-an essential arm connected to community growth, serving where conventional transportation does not meet the public's needs; **Rural Fire Defense Program**-a communications liaison to implement the most innovative fire and safety techniques and equipment thus reducing each homeowner's insurance costs. **Community and Economic Development Programs**-procuring and administrating the federal and state grant funds such as CDBG and REAP, EDA Public Works, that are the foundation of your community's infrastructure and growth potential; the **Capital Improvements Planning (CIP)** program-utilizing the latest in sophisticated computer software such as Geographic Information System (GIS) technology that will enable us to assist you with your planning needs and lead us into the twenty first century. These state and federal programs are only feasible because of the working partnership GGEDA maintains with members like you.

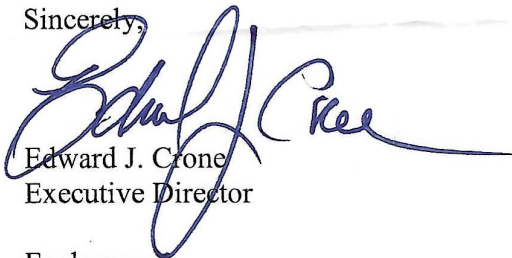
Your membership dues are used as matching funds for the state and federal programs that either provide direct services to your community or assist Grand Gateway in implementing programs within your area. Grand Gateway's dues schedule is based upon population according to the latest United States Decennial Census.

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Finally, Grand Gateway would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge the fine Board of Directors that serves as representatives for our region's communities. The Board represents a diverse citizen base addressing its concerns, needs and hopes for the future of Northeast Oklahoma. The Board of Directors establishes the goals of Northeast Oklahoma by defining regional problems, developing solutions to remedy those problems, and instituting a plan of action for improvement.

This invitation of membership assures your community of the current and future programs available to you through Grand Gateway. We know you would benefit from being a part of this team and encourage you to take advantage of all Grand Gateway has to offer by returning your membership dues as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Edward J. Crone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Edward J. Crone
Executive Director

Enclosures