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Grant Committee,

Hello, we are very excited to pursue this funding opportunity for annual aerials. Therefore, I am eagerly writing in Support of the Southern Oregon Annual Imagery Program. The City of Grants Pass would considerably benefit from having access to these aerials in the following ways:

- Emergency preparedness, analyzing our local forests and their proximity to our populated areas and infrastructure. With last year's devastating fires, we'd like to be more aware of our surroundings and the health of our forests too. Aerial photography can assist us in that endeavor.
- Inventory of building footprints. Cost analysis for potential loss from various hazards. Fires, floods, and Cascadia earthquakes are the big concerns here.
- With the possibility of our local transportation organization (MRMPO) merging with Medford to become a larger TMA, it would greatly benefit our region to confirm and coordinate transportation data. With annual aerials we could analyze our streets data and synchronize it seamlessly.
- With our immediacy to the Rogue River (designated as a wild and scenic river in 1978) it would be extremely helpful in monitoring land use near our treasured and nationally recognized water way.
- With the new horse racing center about to open we are guaranteed a substantial influx of visitors and potential new residents. Again, aerial photography and the abundance of GIS products/analysis that can be generated will assist us in land use analysis and planning.
- Analysis of slope, azimuth, and solar radiation for areas with potential for solar energy.
- Basic updating/editing of GIS layers.

Access to annual-high-resolution imagery would be a great value to our area. With the ability to share it seamlessly across our regional partnerships, it exponentially multiplies that value. The imagery would assist us in not only immediate decisions but preparing for the future, I know our city and citizens would put it to great use.

We appreciate your consideration in funding this opportunity. If you're committee should decide to award us this grant, we would be honored.

Sincerely,

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