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#### Moran Announces \$623,000 in Funding for Garden City Regional Airport

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that the Garden City Regional Airport is eligible to be reimbursed \$623,000 for the construction of its new contract tower. The funding was included in the final spending agreement for the 2003 fiscal year.

"This project better equips the Garden City airport to serve the people of southwest Kansas and improves the safety of our skies," Moran said. "In these difficult economic times for our state, it's important that the federal government does its part to help maintain our local airports."

The provision in the final spending agreement allows the Garden City Regional Airport to qualify for grant funding through the Airport Improvement Program. Since 1996, approximately 20 smaller airports across the nation, including Garden City, have used local funds to build a contract tower. This provision will allow them to recoup costs associated with these projects.

"Garden City Regional Airport is extremely grateful of Congress and Congressman Moran for this assistance," Airport Director Gus Esquivel said. "In an atmosphere of state and local budget constraints, this type of assistance is extremely welcome and truly appreciated."

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