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Mr. Kenneth W. Lund, Executive Director
Colorado Economic Development Commission
c/o Office of Economic Development
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Dear Mr. Lund

I am pleased to hear that the United States Air Force Academy has been selected to be part of the Colorado Springs "City for Champions" proposal. We know that this multi-part endeavor will significantly increase tourism in Colorado, help bolster state and local economies, and celebrate the unique history and traditions of our culture.

The Air Force Academy's Gateway at Falcon Stadium will provide a unique and inspiring welcome for all visitors to the Academy and our region. The Academy's portion of the proposal will highlight our heritage and the accomplishments of military service members, past and present, and the Visitors Center will highlight the Academy experience. Since 9/11 our ability to host visitors has been compromised. Not only has this been a disappointment to tourists who come from far and wide, and to prospective cadets and their families, it has taken a toll on the state's tourist economy. The Gateway project will allow enhanced and easier access so everyone can share our mission and traditions--from our beautiful natural setting and iconic architecture, to developing leaders of character who will serve our great nation.

Thank you for your consideration. If your staff needs any additional data or information from the Academy, please ask them to contact Mr. Dave Cannon at 719-333-7714.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Gould".

MIKE GOULD, Lt Gen, USAF