



## COUNTY JUDGE

Fort Bend County, Texas

The Honorable KP George  
County Judge

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August 12, 2025

The Honorable Greg Abbott  
Governor of the State of Texas  
Office of the Texas Governor  
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cc: Adriana Cruz – Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Economic Development  
The Honorable Joan Huffman, Texas Senate  
The Honorable Lois Kolkhorst, Texas Senate  
The Honorable Boris Miles, Texas Senate  
The Honorable Matt Morgan, Texas House of Representatives  
The Honorable Ron Reynolds, Texas House of Representatives  
The Honorable Gary Gates, Texas House of Representatives  
The Honorable Suleman Lalani, Texas House of Representatives  
The Honorable Stan Kitzman, Texas House of Representatives

Letter of Support: Applied Optoelectronics Inc. TSIF grant application.

Dear Governor Abbott,

The Fort Bend County Commissioners Court requests your support for Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.’s (AOI) grant application from the Texas Semiconductor Innovation Fund (TSIF) to further cement our Region and State as a world leader in technology innovation and advanced manufacturing.

Fort Bend County is proud to be the home of AOI, which was founded in the University of Houston’s physics department and has been operating in our State for more than 27 years. AOI is an innovative and advanced manufacturer of optical semiconductor transceiver solutions. They partnered with Microsoft and Amazon to develop and build high-efficiency laser optical transceivers, which are used in critical data communications functions across various industries globally. Currently, AOI is the only manufacturer of these products in North America. Ensuring sufficient capacity for optical transceivers manufacturing technologies in America is crucial for national security, and we believe the TSIF grant can play a key role in ensuring that this happens in the State of Texas.

TSIF provides critical resources for semiconductor manufacturing and design projects by innovative companies in Texas, serving as a future growth engine for the State and its semiconductor industry. Backed by Amazon and other leading AI companies such as Microsoft and Google, AOI is already designing, manufacturing, and selling leading-edge laser optical semiconductor transceivers that are relied on by critical industries, including national defense and telecommunications. TSIF funding for AOI’s Sugar Land project will help strengthen the Texas semiconductor sector and increase the production capacity of critical advanced semiconductor transceivers in the Houston Region.

Fort Bend County and our regional partners are eager to support AOI’s project, with the \$400m investment and 500+ high-tech jobs that will help make our economy more robust.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Fort Bend County Commissioners Court

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KP George, County Judge

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Vincent Morales, Commissioner Pct. 1

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ATTEST:

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Laura Richard, County Clerk