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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

Major Events Reimbursement Program

Report on the FIM Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix

Date of Event: April 8-10, 2016

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BACKGROUND

The Major Events Reimbursement Program permits local governments and local organizing committees to apply to the State for the establishment of a Major Events Reimbursement Fund to help pay for certain eligible costs associated with conducting specifically-named major events if all statutory and administrative requirements are met pursuant to Article 5190.14, Section 5A, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes. The fund established for each event consists of amounts deposited by the State and local government of the estimated incremental increase in tax receipts, as determined by the State, that are directly attributable to the preparation for and presentation of the event for a one-year period. The period begins two months before the date of the event and continues for ten months thereafter. In accordance with statute, the estimated increase in tax receipts is limited to amounts collected within a designated market area, and only to amounts collected from five specific tax types.

The Legislature transferred the administration of the program from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts ("Comptroller's Office") to the Economic Development and Tourism Office within the Office of the Governor ("OOG") during the 84th Legislative Session, with an effective date of September 1, 2015. As part of these duties, Article 5190.14, Section 5A(w) requires the Office of the Governor to use existing resources to complete a post-event study in the market area of eligible major events.

This post-event economic impact study provides the best available information regarding the direct tax effects of the FIM Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix.

SUMMARY OF EVENT

The FIM Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix (the "event") was held April 8-10, 2016 at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin. Dorna Sports, S.L. was the Site Selection Organization for the event. A Site Selection Letter was submitted to the OOG as a part of the application to the program. See Appendix A for the application, including the Site Selection Letter.

According to the attendance report provided to the OOG by the Circuit Events Local Organizing Committee (CELOC), the Applicant for the event, the total attendance was 40,768 fans. CELOC further estimated that 68 percent of the total attendees, or 27,685, were from out-of-state. This OOG report makes no assumptions about the accuracy of this reported estimate.

METHODOLOGY

The methodology established to determine the direct tax effects of the event by the OOG began with collecting tax data for the five applicable taxes for the most precise period available. Collection of information requires interagency cooperation. Some tax data is available for a monthly period and by city or county. However, some taxes are collected statewide and are only reported quarterly or annually. Since daily tax collection data is unavailable, specific taxes collected for only the days during which the event occurred cannot be determined. After collecting the available data, the OOG compared the tax information for the month of the event in the market area to the same month of years prior to the event. Comparing data from the event to the same time period of the following year cannot be done since the report is due prior to the following year's data being available. The OOG assessed other factors that could

also affect the tax data. Some of the factors include: population growth, crowding out effects, other events being held in the market area during April 2016 (the year prior to the event being held), or different events held in the market area during April 2016 (the month the event was held). Crowding out can include locals leaving town or staying home to avoid frequented businesses due to the influx of visitors. The OOG does not have information available regarding events that do not apply to any of the Events Trust Fund programs to factor into the comparison. These reasons prevent the OOG from determining the actual amount of incremental tax increases of the FIM Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix utilizing existing resources.

APPLICABLE STATE TAXES

In accordance with the Major Events Reimbursement Program statute, the estimated increase in tax receipts attributed to major events are limited to amounts collected within a designated market area, and only to amounts collected from five specific tax types. The five state taxes are: 1) state sales and use taxes; 2) hotel occupancy taxes; 3) mixed beverage taxes; 4) motor vehicle rental taxes; and 5) wholesale alcoholic beverage taxes. Information on each of these tax types are summarized as follows:

Sales & Use Tax

The sales and use tax rate of 6.25 percent is assessed on all tangible personal property and certain services. The sales and use tax is collected by the Comptroller's Office either monthly, quarterly, or annually based on certain qualifications. Since the period of collection varies by business, determining the taxes directly attributable to the event is not attainable. This report reflects that data for the quarter. This tax is also likely to be affected by crowding out.

Hotel Occupancy Tax

The state hotel tax rate is 6.0 percent and is collected on either a monthly or quarterly basis. The Comptroller's Office collects only the state tax portion of the hotel tax, while cities and counties are primarily responsible for collecting their own local hotel taxes. Similar to sales and use tax, the variation of periods that the tax is collected from businesses results in an indeterminable incremental tax increase as a result of the event. Most hotels report monthly, therefore, this report reflects the monthly data.

Motor Vehicle Rental Tax

The motor vehicle gross rental receipts tax is imposed on motor vehicle rentals. The tax rate is based on the length of the rental contract listed below:

- 10% for contracts of 1-30 days
- 6.25% for contracts exceeding 30 days but no longer than 180 days.

Not all cities collect a local tax for car rental, and taxes are collected from the rental company for all rentals across the state, not by city or county. Additionally, a car might be rented from several locations for the event. For these reasons, the motor vehicle rental taxes leveraged in a period cannot be isolated and directly attributed to the event.

Mixed Beverage Tax

The gross receipts tax of 6.70 percent is charged with the sale of mixed beverages on the amount received from the sale, preparation, or service from the sale of an alcoholic beverage that is consumed on the premises of the mixed beverage permittee. The mixed beverage sales tax of 8.25 percent is imposed on the person or organization holding the mixed beverage permit and not the customer. This tax is collected monthly, but since the mixed beverage sales tax is imposed on the mixed beverage permit holder, it may not be added to the selling price as a separate charge and may not be “backed out” from the amount received. This can result in an inaccurate reporting of spending on mixed beverages by event attendees.

Title 5 ABC Tax

Tax rates vary depending on beverage type and alcohol content. The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) Tax Division receives and processes monthly excise tax reports. Manufacturers of alcoholic beverages may only sell to wholesalers/distributors and the wholesalers/distributors may, in turn, sell only to the retailers. Alcoholic beverages become taxable when the beverages are sold at the retail level, and data for tax collection is only available at a state level. Additionally, the Title 5 ABC tax and the mixed beverage tax are likely to be affected by crowding out, resulting in an unmeasurable effect of the event on these taxes.

TOTAL INCREMENTAL INCREASE IN STATE TAX RECEIPTS

The Major Events Reimbursement Program statute requires the OOG to provide an estimate for the incremental increases in tax receipts expected to be generated by the event based on the five specified tax-types. For this event, the estimate was comprised of both Primary Direct Spending and Secondary Direct Spending (including indirect and induced). The total estimated incremental increase to the state was \$2,156,850. Based on this amount, the Applicant was required to submit a local share of \$345,096 according to the state-to-local share ratio of 6.25:1, resulting in a total trust fund of \$2,501,946 (See Appendix B).

The breakdown of the estimated incremental increase of state taxes from the Primary and Secondary Direct Spending are shown below:

Type of Expenditure	Primary - Direct	
	Spending	Taxes
Hotel & Motels	\$ 7,823,250	\$ 469,395
Eating & Drinking Establishments	\$ 9,023,000	\$ 563,938
Alcoholic Beverages (Mixed & Title 5 ABC)	\$ 1,933,500	\$ 117,460
Auto Rental	\$ 1,383,675	\$ 138,368
Shopping & Entertainment (Aggregated)	\$ 14,058,952	\$ 878,685
TOTAL	\$ 34,222,377	\$ 2,167,845
*NOTE: There was an estimated \$979,519 in post event state tax revenue.		

Primary Spending was estimated by the OOG based on projected attendance and projected event spending. Estimated attendee spending was broken down by five (5) expenditure categories: Food and Beverage (Sales & Use Tax); Entertainment and Shopping (Sales & Use Tax); Lodging (Hotel Occupancy

Tax); Rental Car (Car Rental Tax); and Alcohol (Mixed Beverage and Title 5 ABC taxes). The estimated incremental increases in state and local taxes were then calculated for each spending category. The OOG defined the market area for the event as the Austin Metroplex.

Secondary Spending estimates were derived by the OOG by using an economic model to determine tourism industry employment and statutorily eligible tax impacts associated with the event.

STATE TAX RECEIPT IMPACTS FROM DIRECT SPENDING

The following table is based on the best information the OOG was able to gather on tax receipts for the five tax-types specified in the Events Reimbursement Fund statute. The chart shows amounts for May 2016 since the event occurred in April and taxes are collected in the month following the event. Four of the five tax types in the market area saw an increase in receipts when comparing tax receipts around the time period when the event was held with the same time period the year before. However, changes in tax receipts cannot reliably be attributed to any particular event.

Sales Tax			
	2015 Q2	2016 Q2	Difference
Travis County	\$315,382,564	\$338,293,256	\$22,910,692
Williamson County	\$108,722,786	\$112,561,195	\$3,838,409
Hays County	\$42,733,372	\$45,070,119	2,336,746
Bastrop County	\$10,804,173	\$11,275,822	\$471,649
Caldwell County	\$3,685,451	\$3,512,173	\$(173,278)
Hotel Occupancy			
	May 2015	May 2016	Difference
Travis County	\$4,830,142	\$5,551,321	\$721,179
Williamson County	\$484,889	\$525,956	\$41,066
Hays County	\$313,750	\$349,364	\$35,614
Bastrop County	\$210,568	\$218,402	\$7,834
Caldwell County	\$15,506	\$14,031	\$(1,475)
Car Rental			
	May 2015	May 2016	Difference
State of Texas	\$18,512,430	\$20,294,924	\$1,782,494
Mixed Beverage - 1. Gross Receipts and 2. Mixed Beverage Sales Tax			
	May 2015	May 2016	Difference
Travis County	\$9,546,135	\$9,447,246	\$(98,889)
Williamson County	\$974,794	\$979,046	\$4,252
Hays County	\$534,192	\$588,729	\$54,537
Bastrop County	\$123,281	\$139,105	\$15,824
Caldwell County	\$5,662	\$5,795	\$133
Title 5 ABC			
	May 2015	May 2016	Difference
State of Texas	\$18,639,220	\$18,599,317	\$(39,904)

EVENT DEADLINES RELATED TO PROGRAM

The following program deadlines were verified to have been completed as follows (see Appendix C for documentation):

- Application Received (including Site Selection letter): 2/22/2016
 - Deadline: 02/23/16, or no later than 45 days prior to the event
- Event Support Contract Received: 4/6/2016
 - Deadline: 4/8/2016, or prior to the event
- Attendance Certification Received: 5/20/2016
 - Deadline: 5/25/2016, or no later than 45 days after the event
- Local Share Received: 7/7/2016
 - Deadline: 7/9/2016, or no later than 90 days after the event
- Disbursement Request Received: 7/26/2016
 - Deadline: 10/7/2016, or no later than 180 days after the event

CONCLUSION

Given the available data and constrained to the use of existing resources, it is unlikely that the economic impact directly attributable to the preparation and presentation of the event is measurable with any reasonable degree of accuracy. Using available resources, the data is inconclusive in determining the actual economic impact of the event. Neither a positive nor negative impact is determinable since the tax information provided showed both increases and decreases in taxes collected. The available and reported tax data cannot reliably be attributed to any particular event, while some data cannot even be attributed to any particular market area. The economic variables and limited detail of tax and participant data make it impossible to isolate the incremental tax generated by one particular event to the Texas economy. The development of a reasonably accurate economic impact study requires data state government cannot feasibly capture, such as the actual number of out-of-state-visitors attributable to the event, the actual per-day spending by each event attendee for each of the five allowable tax types, and the length of stay of each attendee. The OOG will continue to examine the collection and reporting of information relating to these major events in an effort to identify options for improvement in data collection to ensure that the purposes of the statutory post-event reporting requirement can be achieved.

APPENDIX A

EVENTS TRUST FUND

Application

Office of the Governor
Economic Development and Tourism (EDT)

APPLICANT NAME: Circuit Events Local Organizing Committee

**EVENT NAME: FIM Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix
(also known as MotoGP™ marketed and advertised as the
2016 Red Bull Grand Prix of the Americas)**

DATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED: February 18, 2016

DATE(S) OF EVENT: April 8 through 10, 2016

EVENT LOCATION: Circuit of The Americas, Austin, Texas

Events Trust Fund Application

Event Trust Fund (ETF), Major Events Reimbursement Program (MERP) or Motor Sports Racing Trust Fund (MSRTF)

Please review the Events Fund Process document and statute before submitting this application. Links can be found at <https://texaswideopenforbusiness.com/services/event-trust-funds>.

An application will not be complete until all documents are submitted, with the exception of the Events Support Contract. See checklist at the end of the application for required documents. Deadlines for submission are as follows:

MERP: 45 days prior to the event, but no more than 1 year before the event.

ETF & MSRTF: at least 120 days prior to the event.

*Please submit **all** documents to eventsfund@gov.texas.gov.*

SECTION 1: ENDORSING MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY

Name of Endorsing Municipality or County:	City of Austin
Municipality or County Contact Name:	Leela Fireside
Contact Title:	Assistant City Attorney
Contact Email:	Leela.Fireside@austintexas.gov
Contact Phone Number:	(512) 974-2163

1. Has the endorsing municipality or county reviewed the event and found that it meets all eligibility requirements as listed in Vernon’s Texas Civil Statutes (VTCS) 5190.14?
Yes No
2. Has the endorsing municipality or county determined that it will contribute local funding (“local match”) to the Event Trust Fund, if established?
Yes No *Circuit Events Local Organizing Committee has contractually agreed to provide this funding.

SECTION 2: LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

1. Has the municipality or county authorized a nonprofit Local Organizing Committee (LOC) to enter into an agreement with the Site Selection Organization to host the event on behalf of the municipality or county?
Yes No
2. If Question 1 is selected as “No,” the municipality or county must directly enter into an Event Hosting Agreement with the site selection organization.

If “Yes,” provide the following information for the LOC:

Complete Business Name of LOC:	Circuit Events Local Organizing Committee
LOC Contact Name:	Wayne S. Hollingsworth
LOC Contact Title:	Board Member, Secretary
Contact Email:	whollingsworth@abaustin.com
Contact Phone Number:	(512) 435-2306
LOC Tax Payer ID#:	45-2727397

Is the LOC designated in the official request letter submitted with the application?

Yes No

SECTION 3: SITE SELECTION ORGANIZATION

Full Name of Site Selection Organization:	Dorna Sports, S.L.
Site Selection Contact Name:	Enrique Aldama
Site Selection Contact Title:	Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer
Site Selection Contact Email:	enriquealdama@dorna.com
Contact Phone Number:	34-91-782-02-20

*EDT reserves the right to contact the Site Selection Organization or any other organization directly related to this event.

SECTION 4: EVENT INFORMATION

Official Event Name:	MotoGP™ World Championship
Event Fund/Program being applied for: (ETF, MERP, MSRTF)	MERP
Venue(s) of Event:	Circuit of The Americas, Austin, Texas
Event Website:	www.circuitoftheamericas.com
Date(s) of the Primary Event:	4/8-10/2016
Day set-up/load-in for the event will begin:	March 15, 2016
Day strike/load-out of the event will end:	April 18, 2016
Location of Event for the Previous 5 Years: (List most recent year first)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. See Attached Exhibit A 2. 3. 4.

	5.
Source of Information for Previous Events:	Dorna Press Releases
Other locations outside of Texas considered to host the event:	MotoGP is a worldwide event and many locations apply for site selection.
Was the site selected as a part of a multi-year agreement? If yes, what years (past and future)?	2014 through 2017
Anticipated Total Attendance at Primary Event:	44,422
Anticipated Out of State Attendance at Primary Event:	21,410
Desired Market Area:	Travis and contiguous counties
Additional Information:	Circuit of The Americas ("COTA") tracks tickets sold and distributed, media credentials and team and sponsor attendees and tabulates figures during each day of the event, including for the primary event day. COTA also conducts various surveys of attendees both during and after the event with the intent to determine an accurate calculation of out-of-state attendees for each day of the event.

Upon conclusion of the event, verifiable attendance figures must be provided to EDT. The following methods will be accepted: ticket sales count, turnstile count, ticket scan count, convention attendee count, or participant totals (must be accompanied by ticket or turnstile count for MERP & MSRTF). Other methods will be accepted upon approval by EDT. Please explain which of these methods or another method, subject to approval, that will be used: See above under "Additional Information".

SECTION 5: CHECKLIST

EDT must receive the following documents before it can issue an estimate of incremental taxes.

Per statute, EDT is required to make a determination within 30 days after receiving a complete application. If an application is incomplete, the requestor will be asked to withdraw the application until a complete application can be submitted.

- Events Trust Fund Application** completed and signed.
- Selection Letter** clearly indicating a highly competitive selection process, and that the selection was based on an application by the endorsing municipality, county or LOC. This selection letter must clearly indicate the selected LOC, the selected municipality and the event date. The event date indicated in the letter must match the requested event date. The selection letter must be signed by the site selection organization.
- Request Letter** clearly indicating the municipality or county's endorsement of the event and states the LOC (if applicable) along with the municipality or county's contact. The information in the letter should coincide with the Selection Letter.
- Economic Impact Analysis** or data sufficient for EDT to determine the incremental increase in tax revenue

associated with hosting the event. The data must include an estimate of the number of attendees from out-of-state, details on the direct expenditures and direct impact data for the endorsing municipality or county hosting the event for the requested market area, and the source of the information included.

Event Support Contract executed between a LOC, an endorsing municipality, or an endorsing county and a site selection organization that outlines the responsibilities of each party, and signed by each party. *Due no later than the date of the event; early submission will provide EDT with the opportunity to review the contract and address any issues prior to the event.*

Affidavit of Endorsing Entity signed by each endorsing municipality, county and/or LOC.

Affidavit for Economic Impact signed by party(ies) providing economic impact analysis to support the request.

Note: All documents submitted to the Office of the Governor (OOG), including, but not limited to the application and disbursement documentation submitted after the event, are subject to the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code. In the event of a public information request submitted to the OOG related to an applicant, the OOG will notify the applicant of the request and take appropriate actions with the Attorney General of Texas.

I, the authorized representative of the applicant, certify that the representations made, the facts stated in this application and all supplemental documents are true and correct, and that no relevant facts have been intentionally omitted, as evidenced by my signature below. I hereby agree, on behalf of the applicant, to comply with the reporting requirements and will provide other documentation as requested.

CIRCUIT EVENTS LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, a Texas non-profit corporation

By: 
Signature Wayne S. Hollingsworth

Director and Secretary
Title

February 10, 2016
Date



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GOVERNOR

AFFIDAVIT
for Economic Impact Documentation

Affidavit to be completed, including signed and notarized, by any and all party(ies) providing economic data to support a request for an Event Trust Fund, Major Events Reimbursement Program or Motor Sports Racing Trust Fund.

I, Don Hoyte, am providing information to be used by a City, County or Local Organizing Committee for the purpose of receiving funding through the Event Trust Fund, Major Events Reimbursement Program, or Motor Sports Racing Trust Fund ("the Act"), and hereby swear and affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, any data provided is true and accurate, and any projections made are based on reasonable assumptions documented in the information provided. I further swear and affirm that I have reviewed the information being submitted, and that all of the statements made and information provided herein, including statements made and information provided in any attachments are true, complete, and correct, to the best of my knowledge. Information provided includes but is not limited to an economic impact study or other data sufficient for the Economic Development and Tourism Office to make the determination of the incremental increase in tax revenue associated with hosting the event in Texas, including a listing of any data for any related activities.

I understand that the City, County or Local Organizing Committee is receiving funding under the Act for the purposes of facilitating this event: FIM Road Racing World Championship on these dates: April 8-10, 2016 and that the information will be provided by the City, County or Local Organizing Committee as a government document.

** Also known as MotoGP™ marketed and advertised as the 2016 Red Bull Grand Prix of the Americas.*
I understand that it is a felony offense under Section 37.10, Texas Penal Code, to knowingly make a false entry in, or false alteration of, a governmental record, or to make, present, or use a governmental record with knowledge of its falsity, when the actor has the intent to harm or defraud another.

I understand that the offense of perjury, under Section 37.02, Texas Penal Code, is committed when a person, with intent to deceive and with knowledge of the statement's meaning, makes a false statement under oath or swears to the truth of a false statement previously made and the statement is required or authorized by law to be made under oath.

I understand my obligation to provide information about event expectations, performance, and expenses that are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and ability. I also understand my obligation to immediately report any known or suspected waste, fraud, and abuse of funds received under the Act to the Texas State Auditor's Office at 1-800-892-8348. I hereby swear and affirm that I have read the entire affidavit, and I understand its contents.





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GREG ABBOTT
GOVERNOR

[Signature]
Affiant Signature

Don Hoyte
Printed Name

Texas Trust Funds.com
Title and Name of Organization

2/8/16
Date

The State of Texas

County of Williamson

Before me, a Notary Public, on this day personally appeared DONALD R. HOYTE, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the forgoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purpose and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 8th day of February, 20 16.

[Signature]
Notary Public, State of Texas



Rosemary Bucca
(Print name of Notary Public here)

My commission expires the 20 day of April, 20 16.

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AFFIDAVIT
for Economic Impact Documentation

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I, Wayne S. Hollingsworth, am providing information to be used by a City, County or Local Organizing Committee for the purpose of receiving funding through the Event Trust Fund, Major Events Reimbursement Program, or Motor Sports Racing Trust Fund ("the Act"), and hereby swear and affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, any data provided is true and accurate, and any projections made are based on reasonable assumptions documented in the information provided. I further swear and affirm that I have reviewed the information being submitted, and that all of the statements made and information provided herein, including statements made and information provided in any attachments are true, complete, and correct, to the best of my knowledge. Information provided includes but is not limited to an economic impact study or other data sufficient for the Economic Development and Tourism Office to make the determination of the incremental increase in tax revenue associated with hosting the event in Texas, including a listing of any data for any related activities.

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[Handwritten Signature]
Affiant Signature

Wayne S. Hollingsworth
Printed Name

Director, Circuit Events Local Organizing Committee
Title and Name of Organization

February 10, 2016
Date

The State of Texas

County of Travis

Before me, a Notary Public, on this day personally appeared Wayne S. Hollingsworth, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the forgoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purpose and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 10th day of February, 2016

[Handwritten Signature]
Notary Public, State of Texas

(PERSONALIZED SEAL)



Michelle Johnson
(Print name of Notary Public here)

My commission expires the 21st day of January, 2019





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AFFIDAVIT of Endorsing Entity

Affidavit to be completed, including signed and notarized, by any and all Municipalities, Counties, and/or LOCs endorsing an Event Trust Fund, Major Events Reimbursement Program or Motor Sports Racing Trust Fund.

I, Marc Ott, an authorized representative of: City of Austin,
a [Local Organizing Committee (nonprofit corporation), endorsing municipality or endorsing county] (circle one) ("Requestor") that is receiving funding through the Event Trust Fund, Major Events Reimbursement Program or Motor Sports Racing Trust Fund ("the Act"), hereby swear and affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the Requestor has designed and implemented internal controls, processes and procedures to help the Requestor ensure that the Requestor and its use of these funds complies with all applicable laws, rules, and written guidance from the Economic Development and Tourism Office. I further swear and affirm that I, or my duly authorized employee, representative, or agent, have reviewed the information, and that all of the statements made and information provided therein, including statements made and information provided in any attachments are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. All other information submitted as part of this request for participation is being represented by me as true and correct, and I am unaware of any information contained therein that is false, misleading, or fraudulent. Information provided includes but is not limited to:

to the best of my knowledge

- (1) A letter from the municipality or county requesting participation in the Events Trust Fund program and signed by a person authorized to bind the municipality or county;
- (2) A letter from the site selection organization on organization letterhead selecting the site in Texas;
- (3) An economic impact study or other data sufficient for the Economic Development and Tourism Office to make the determination of the incremental increase in tax revenue associated with hosting the event in Texas, including a listing of any data for any related activities;
- (4) An application for an Events Trust Fund program and any attachments; and
- (5) An Event Support Contract

I understand that I am receiving funding under the Act for the purposes of facilitating this event: FIM Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix, also known as* on these dates: April 8 through 10, 2016.

I understand that non-compliance with reporting requirements could be treated as a violation of the statute and/or program rules resulting in the possible withholding of disbursement funding.

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[Signature]
Affiant Signature

Marc Ott
Printed Name

Manager, City of Austin
Title and Name of Organization

2/19/16
Date

The State of Texas

County of Travis

Before me, a Notary Public, on this day personally appeared Marc A. Ott, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the forgoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purpose and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 19 day of February, 2016

[Signature]
Notary Public, State of Texas



(PERSONALIZED SEAL)

Rosemarie Martinez
(Print name of Notary Public here)

My commission expires the 4 day of November, 2018
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of Endorsing Entity

Affidavit to be completed, including signed and notarized, by any and all Municipalities, Counties, and/or LOCs endorsing an Event Trust Fund, Major Events Reimbursement Program or Motor Sports Racing Trust Fund.

I, Wayne S. Hollingsworth, an authorized representative of: Circuit Events Local Organizing Committee a [Local Organizing Committee (nonprofit corporation), endorsing municipality or endorsing county] (circle one) ("Requestor") that is receiving funding through the Event Trust Fund, Major Events Reimbursement Program or Motor Sports Racing Trust Fund ("the Act"), hereby swear and affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the Requestor has designed and implemented internal controls, processes and procedures to help the Requestor ensure that the Requestor and its use of these funds complies with all applicable laws, rules, and written guidance from the Economic Development and Tourism Office. I further swear and affirm that I, or my duly authorized employee, representative, or agent, have reviewed the information, and that all of the statements made and information provided therein, including statements made and information provided in any attachments are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. All other information submitted as part of this request for participation is being represented by me as true and correct, and I am unaware of any information contained therein that is false, misleading, or fraudulent. Information provided ~~includes~~ but is not limited to:

to the best of my knowledge

- (1) A letter from the municipality or county requesting participation in the Events Trust Fund program and signed by a person authorized to bind the municipality or county;
- (2) A letter from the site selection organization on organization letterhead selecting the site in Texas;
- (3) An economic impact study or other data sufficient for the Economic Development and Tourism Office to make the determination of the incremental increase in tax revenue associated with hosting the event in Texas, including a listing of any data for any related activities;
- (4) An application for an Events Trust Fund program and any attachments; and
- (5) An Event Support Contract

I understand that I am receiving funding under the Act for the purposes of facilitating this event: FIM Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix, also known as * on these dates: April 8 through 10, 2016.

I understand that non-compliance with reporting requirements could be treated as a violation of the statute and/or program rules resulting in the possible withholding of disbursement funding.

*MotoGP™ marketed and advertised as the 2016 Red Bull Grand Prix of the Americas.

I understand that it is a felony offense under Section 37.10, Texas Penal Code, to knowingly make a false entry in, or false alteration of, a governmental record, or to make, present, or use a governmental record with knowledge of its falsity, when the actor has the intent to harm or defraud another.



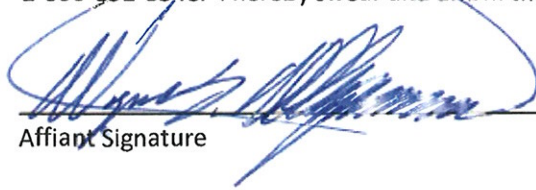


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I understand that the offense of perjury, under Section 37.02, Texas Penal Code, is committed when a person, with intent to deceive and with knowledge of the statement's meaning, makes a false statement under oath or swears to the truth of a false statement previously made and the statement is required or authorized by law to be made under oath.

I understand my obligation to provide information about event expectations, performance, and expenses that are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and ability. I also understand my obligation to immediately report any known or suspected waste, fraud, and abuse of funds received under the Act to the Texas State Auditor's Office at 1-800-892-8348. I hereby swear and affirm that I have read the entire affidavit, and I understand its contents.



Affiant Signature

Wayne S. Hollingsworth

Printed Name

Director, Circuit Events Local Organizing Committee

Title and Name of Organization

February 10, 2016

Date

The State of Texas

County of Travis

Before me, a Notary Public, on this day personally appeared Wayne S. Hollingsworth, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the forgoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purpose and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 10th day of February, 2016



Notary Public, State of Texas

(PERSONALIZED SEAL)



Michelle Johnson
(Print name of Notary Public here)

My commission expires the 21st day of January, 2019
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Marc A. Ott, *City Manager*
Marc.Ott@ci.austin.tx.us

FEBRUARY 19, 2016

Office of the Governor
Texas Economic Development Bank
Economic Development & Tourism
Post Office Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

Attention: Director

Dear Director:

The City of Austin requests participation in the Major Events Reimbursement Program (MERP) program pursuant to TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ART. 5190.14 Section 5A (Act) as authorized by Austin City Council action on December 10, 2015 in support of the FIM Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix, commonly known as "MotoGP" and for the April 8 – 10, 2016 event marketed as the "2016 Red Bull Grand Prix of the Americas", a motorcycling championship (the "Event"). This action satisfies the requirements of 10 TAC, Part 5, Section 184.102(a)(1) and documents that Austin is the endorsing municipality in accordance with the Act.

Enclosed is correspondence from DORNA SPORTS, S.L. (DORNA) confirming the selection of Austin, Texas as the location for this event in April of 2016 as well as for 2017. The correspondence from DORNA satisfies the requirements found at 10 TAC Section 184.102(a)(2).

The correspondence from DORNA states that the selection of Austin as the location for the Event was completed after substantial competition in their process of reviewing a number of venues interested in hosting their series. Further, DORNA does not anticipate holding any other similar Event in Texas or its contiguous states during any year that the Event is held at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin. We believe that this supports a finding that Austin was selected as the site for this event consistent with the requirements of 10 TAC Section 184.101.

The Circuit Events Local Organizing Committee is the City's designee to make application to the Office of the Governor, Texas Economic Development Bank, for participation of the MotoGP Event in the MERP under the Act, to submit the MERP economic analysis, to fund the City's contribution to the MERP, and to receive funds for eligible expenses from the MERP.

Sincerely,

Marc A. Ott, City Manager
City of Austin, Texas.

DORNA

Mr. Marc Ott
City Manager
City of Austin
Austin, Texas 78701
via email: marc.ott@austintexas.gov

Madrid, December 10th, 2013

Dear Mr. Ott,

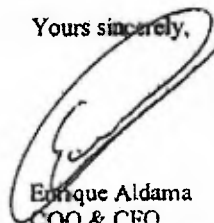
We have received and appreciate the confirmation of application, dated December 5th, 2013, from Circuit Events Local organizing Committee ("CELOC"), as designee and on behalf of the City of Austin, to host an event of the FIM Road Racing World Racing Championship Grand Prix (commonly known as MotoGP™) in Austin from 2014 to 2017 at the new raceway facilities in Austin, Texas, USA, known as Circuit of the Americas.

As we emphasized in our previous letters to you, there was substantial competition in our process of reviewing a number of venues interested in hosting our series. Our prior selection of Austin, Texas as the site for the 2014 through 2017 MotoGP™ Events is hereby made and confirmed. Congratulations!

The MotoGP™ series features the world's best riders and teams that appeal to a diverse audience. We race at venues in many countries, including Spain, France, Italy, Great Britain, Australia, Malaysia and the United States. MotoGP™ brings a substantial number of tourists to each region where we race, and we anticipate that our upcoming races during 2014 through 2017 in Austin will generate significant interest as well as major economic benefit to the community.

We look forward to receiving and working with CELOC to finalize an Event Support Contract related to the local and State support available for the events.

Yours sincerely,



Enrique Aldama
COO & CFO
DORNA SPORTS S.L.

DORNA

Circuit Events Local Organizing Committee
Attention: Mr. Wayne S. Hollingsworth
100 Congress Avenue, Suite 1300
Austin Texas 78701-2744
via email: whollingsworth@abaustin.com

Madrid, December 10th, 2013

Dear Mr. Hollingsworth:

We appreciate the confirmation of the application by Circuit Events Local Organizing Committee, dated December 5, 2013 submitted as designee on behalf of the City of Austin, to host an event of the FIM Road Racing World Racing Championship Grand Prix (commonly known as MotoGP™) for 2013 and beyond in Austin, Texas at the raceway facilities known as Circuit of the Americas. We understand that your application is submitted in confirmation of and supplemental to your prior application to us dated December 17, 2012.

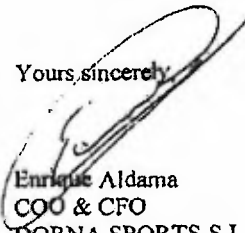
As we emphasized in our previous letters to you and City officials, there has been and remains substantial competition in our process of reviewing a number of venues interested in hosting our series. Please consider this letter as confirmation of our selection of Austin, Texas, and the Circuit of the Americas to host the MotoGP™ event each year of the upcoming series from 2014 through 2017. Congratulations!

As noted in your December 5th letter, we do not anticipate sanctioning or holding any other similar MotoGP™ Event in Texas or its contiguous states during 2014 or any other year that the MotoGP™ at the Circuit of the Americas is held in Austin.

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We look forward to receiving and working with you to finalize and Event Support Contract related to the local and State support available through CELOC and the Circuit of the Americas.

Yours sincerely,


Enrique Aldama
COO & CFO
DORNA SPORTS S.L.

APPENDIX B



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GOVERNOR

March 3, 2016

Mr. Wayne S. Hollingsworth
Director
Circuit Events Local Organizing Committee
100 Congress Ave., Suite 1300
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Hollingsworth:

The Office of the Governor has completed its review of the application and economic information submitted by the Circuit Events Local Organizing Committee for the establishment of an Event Trust Fund under Section 5A relating to FIM Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix (the "event"). Based on the representations and the information submitted and certified in the application, the event meets the eligibility requirements set by the Texas Legislature in article 5190.14 of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes. Establishment of an Event Trust Fund is therefore required by law, and upon receipt of the local share, a fund will be established as follows:

Event:	FIM Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix
Project Code:	161011
Location:	Austin, TX
Market Area:	Austin Metroplex
Venue:	Circuit of the Americas
Date(s):	April 8-10, 2016

The estimated incremental increase in tax revenue to the State of Texas is \$2,156,850.00 or 6.25 times the amount of local revenue retained or remitted to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts as local funds from eligible endorsing municipalities.

Local funds required:	\$345,096.00
Total contribution to the Event Trust Fund established for this event:	\$2,501,946.00

Attendance metric used to estimate the incremental increase in tax revenue: 36,333 average attendance on event days (04/08/16 – 04/10/16)



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Wayne S. Hollingsworth
March 3, 2016

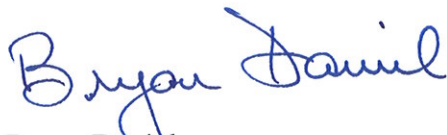
Following the event, you will need to complete and submit the Attendance Certification Form, which is enclosed for your convenience. The Attendance Certification Form and supporting documentation must be submitted no later than 45 calendar days after the conclusion of the event.

The local funds must be submitted no later than 90 calendar days after the conclusion of the event. If the funds for the local share amount are not submitted by the 90-day deadline, the Event Trust Fund will not be available for disbursement. The deposit instructions for the local funds are enclosed.

To initiate a disbursement from an Event Trust Fund, a Disbursement Request Form, Disbursement Request Worksheet and all supporting documentation must be submitted no later than 180 calendar days after the conclusion of the event. The establishment of an Event Trust Fund does not entitle or guarantee that disbursements from the fund will be available for the reimbursement of any particular expenditure relating to the event. All disbursements will be subject to the requirements of article 5190.14 of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes, the Event Fund Program Administrative Rules under Title 10, Chapter 184 of the Texas Administrative Code, and the policies and guidelines of the Economic Development and Tourism Division within the Office of the Governor, including timely submittal of the Event Support Contract, Attendance Certification Form, local funds, Disbursement Request Form, and other documentation as required.

Thank you for bringing this event to the State of Texas. If you have further questions, please contact the Office of the Governor, Economic Development & Tourism Division at eventsfund@gov.texas.gov or (512) 936-0100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bryan Daniel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Bryan Daniel
Executive Director
Economic Development & Tourism Division
Office of the Governor

BD: gc

Attachments

APPENDIX C



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ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATION

(Must be submitted no later than 45 days after conclusion of the event):

Event application submittal date:	February 22, 2016
Economic Development and Tourism (EDT) event application approval date:	March 3, 2016
Attendance Certification to be submitted to EDT no later than forty-five (45) days after the event date:	May 25, 2016
The attendance metric* identified by EDT to evaluate the estimated number of event attendees as part of the calculations for the incremental tax impact:	36,333 average attendance during event days (04/08/16 – 04/10/16)

* If Applicant has questions or concerns about how this metric was developed, please contact us within 10 days of fund approval letter

To be completed by the Applicant:

Event Name: FIM Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix

The TOTAL attendance at the PRIMARY EVENT was: 40,768

The estimated attendees NOT residents of Texas for the PRIMARY EVENT was: 27,685

Source(s) and methodology used to obtain attendance totals. The following methods will be accepted: ticket sales count, turnstile count, ticket scan count, convention attendee count, or participant totals (must be accompanied by ticket or turnstile count for MERP & MSRTF). If you are submitting another method, it should have previously been approved by EDT.

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Authorized Official (must be signed by event application signatory or successor):

Geoff Moore
Signature

Geoff Moore
Printed Name

Chief Revenue Officer, Circuit of The Americas
Title and Name of Organization

May 18, 2016
Date

Submit the signed Attendance Certification to the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and
Tourism at eventsfund@gov.texas.gov

