

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Date: August 24, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Place: Commissioners Room, Courthouse, Caledonia, MN

Members Present:

Dewey Severson, Eric Johnson, Robert Burns, Teresa Walter, and Greg Myhre

Others Present:

Auditor/Treasurer Donna Trehus, Reporter Craig Moorhead, Reporter Charlene Selbee, Finance Director Carol Lapham, Human Resources Director Theresa Arrick-Kruger, Board Clerk/EDA Director Allison Wagner, Interim Recorder Mary Betz, IT Director Andrew Milde, Attorney Samuel Jandt, Engineer Brian Pogodzinski, Health Care Economist and Benefits Consultant Bill Colopoulos, and Executive Director of Southeast Service Cooperative Steve Sallee

Presiding: Chairperson Burns

Call to order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Severson, motion unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Myhre, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, motion unanimously carried to approve the board meeting minutes from August 10, 2021.

Motion was made by Commissioner Walter, seconded by Commissioner Severson, motion unanimously carried to approve the workgroup session minutes from August 17, 2021.

Public Comment: No public comments were made.

APPOINTMENTS

Tim Penny, President and CEO of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) gave a presentation to the board. SMIF was created to provide economic development and philanthropic support to Minnesota Counties. Each year SMIF offers \$5 million in annual programming and grants. Some of SMIF's programs include community foundation relief grants, emergency childcare grants, grow a farmer assistance grants, small business emergency loans, small business relief grants, and small town grants. In Houston County alone in the past year

SMIF provided \$191,000 in COVID-19 response funding, helped 25 early childhood professionals with grants and trainings, and helped 26 businesses through entrepreneur programing, grant making, or lending. Penny also shared with the board a new SMIF program called Acres for Good where landowners could give a gift of land. The landowner gifting the land would receive an immediate charitable deduction while bypassing all capital gains taxes and creating a stable source of income to be used for community causes. SMIF would then own and maintain the farmland in perpetuity and provide annual rental income. Extra money generated from the land after taxes would then be used for community causes and needs.

At 9:37 a.m. motion by Commissioner Severson, seconded by Commissioner Myhre, motion unanimously approved to go into closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05 Subd. 1 (d) attorney client privilege regarding pending arbitration. All Commissioners, Attorney Samuel Jandt, Auditor/Treasurer Donna Trehus, and Human Resources Director Theresa Arrick-Kruger attended the closed session.

At 10:08 a.m. motion by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner Severson to return to regular session. Attorney Jandt gave a summary of the closed session saying they had discussed arbitration pending with a Houston County Employee. By consensus the board had directed the personnel committee to contact the opposing side and schedule a meeting to discuss a resolution.

Bill Colopoulos, Health Care Economist and Benefits Consultant and Steve Sallee, Executive Director of Southeast Service Cooperative gave a health benefits update to the Commissioners. The County would be transitioning to a new provider starting 1-1-2022. The rates would be lower than current rates. Commissioner Johnson said the Commissioners wanted to make sure the transition would be smooth for employees. Sallee said the transition would be smooth for employees.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Severson moved, Commissioner Walter seconded, motion unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda. Items approved are listed below.

- 1) Approve final Ground Lease Agreements effective 7-1-21 for the period of five years ending 7-1-26 for Lot 9 – Cecil Nelson and Lot 13 – John Deters. (Trehus)
- 2) Change the employment status of Kelly Petersen, Appraiser Trainee, from probationary to regular, effective September 3, 2021. (Kruger)
- 3) Change the employment status of Michael Buxengard, Highway Maintenance Specialist, from probationary to regular, effective September 9, 2021. (Kruger)
- 4) Accept the resignation of Tyler Fabian, Jailer/Dispatcher, effective August 20, 2021. (Kruger)
- 5) Initiate a competitive search for full-time Jailer/Dispatcher. (Kruger)

ACTION ITEMS

File No. 1 – Commissioner Myhre moved, Commissioner Seveverson seconded, motion unanimously carried to approve Resolution 21-37 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid. Resolution is below.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-37

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION AID

August 24, 2021

WHEREAS, 2014 Session Law Chapter 308 enacted by the Legislature provides Minnesota counties a County Program Aid grant for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention. The amount designated for each county is based on the number of watercraft trailer launches as well as the number of watercraft trailer parking spaces within each county.

Houston County was allocated \$22,653 for 2022 and years following (5 watercraft trailer launches and 50 watercraft trailer parking spaces), and

WHEREAS, the legislation requires that Houston County must establish, by resolution or through adoption of a plan, guidelines for the use of the proceeds which are to prevent the introduction or limit the spread of aquatic invasive species at all access sites within the county, and

WHEREAS, the county may appropriate the proceeds directly or may use any portion of the proceeds to provide funding to a soil and water conservation district in the county, for a joint powers board or cooperative agreement with another political subdivision, a watershed district in the county, or a lake association located in the county. Any money appropriated by the county to a different entity or political subdivision must be used as required under this section, and

WHEREAS, the county must submit a copy of its guidelines for use of the proceeds to the Department of Natural Resources by December 31 of the year the payments are received, and

WHEREAS, maintaining an ongoing effort to inform the public of resource needs, resource impairments and resource protection matters has been identified as the most important tool in addressing water resource concerns in the Houston County Water Plan, the fight against Aquatic Invasive Species is included in this educational effort and will continue to be a cornerstone of Houston County's Water Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Houston County, Minnesota designate oversight of Houston County's AIS prevention efforts to the Root River Soil and Water Conservation District and delegates to them the responsibility to prepare, implement and report annually a plan to allocate the funding in accordance with the above legislation.

File No. 2 – Commissioner Johnson moved, Commissioner Myhre seconded, motion unanimously carried to approve Resolution 21-38 Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency due to Heavy Rains/Flooding. Resolution is below:

Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency

Resolution # 21-38

WHEREAS the heavy rains/flooding impacted the population of Houston County and its cities; and

WHEREAS the heavy rains/flooding event has caused a significant amount of public property damage; and

WHEREAS the Houston County Department of Emergency Management requests the Houston County Board of Commissioners to declare Houston County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the August 7th event of 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Houston County Board of Commissioners declares Houston County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from heavy rains/flooding event of August 7th 2021.

File No. 3 – Commissioner Myhre moved, Commissioner Walter seconded, motion unanimously carried to approve Resolution 21-39 Urging Rawlings Sporting Goods To Reverse Its Decision To Close Miken Sports and Supporting Miken Sports' Employees. Resolution is below.

Houston County, Minnesota

RESOLUTION 21-39

A RESOLUTION URGING RAWLINGS SPORTING GOODS TO REVERSE ITS DECISION TO CLOSE MIKEN SPORTS AND SUPPORTING MIKEN SPORTS' EMPLOYEES AND OPERATIONS IN HOUSTON COUNTY

Whereas, Miken Sports has had a business in Caledonia, Minnesota, in Houston County, since 1999; and

Whereas, Miken Sports has been one of the County's largest employers for many years; and

Whereas, Miken has employed up to 127 people in Houston County, and as of July 22, 2021, Miken Sports employed approximately 78 personnel in Houston County; and

Whereas, Miken Sports employees are talented, hardworking individuals who are valued members of Houston County communities and have contributed significant amounts of time, money, and resources into improving our County; and

Whereas, Miken Sports has been an excellent community partner for many year, providing donations and other support to youth sports teams and participating in various community events; and

Whereas, the City of Caledonia and Houston County are proud to be the home of Miken Sports and proud to manufacture the helmets used by Major League Baseball; and

Whereas, despite the dedicated service of employees to Miken Sports, the owner of Miken Sports, Rawlings Sporting Goods Co, Inc. ("Rawlings Sporting Goods"), has announced that it will be closing the Miken Sports office and manufacturing facility in Caledonia in 18-24 months; and

Whereas, Rawlings Sporting Goods will be sending most of these jobs to a factory overseas in China; and

Whereas, Major League Baseball and the Seidler Equity Partners jointly own Rawlings Sporting Goods; and

Whereas, Major League Baseball has received billions of dollars in public assistance in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMISSIONERS:

Houston County supports the talented, hardworking employees of Miken Sports and appreciates the contributions Miken Sports has made to the County over the years. Houston County opposes any effort to outsource Houston County jobs to China especially when Major League Baseball has benefited significantly from public assistance from American taxpayers. Houston County urges Major League Baseball and the Seidler Equity Partners to reverse their decision to close Miken Sports.

File No. 4 – Commissioner Severson moved, Commissioner Johnson seconded, motion unanimously carried to approve Resolution 21-40 Final Acceptance of the ‘2021 Watermain Improvements’, Zenke Inc, completed the project for a total cost of \$52,818. Resolution is below.

RESOLUTION 21-39

Final Acceptance of the ‘2021 Watermain Improvements’, Zenke Inc, completed the project for a total cost of \$52,818.

Whereas, the ‘2021 Watermain Improvements’ has in all things been completed, and the County Board being fully advised in the premises; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Houston County Board of Commissioners accepts said completed project for and behalf of Houston County and authorize final payment as specified herein.

File No. 5 – Commissioner Johnson moved, Commissioner Severson seconded, motion unanimously carried to approve Design Studio for the purchase of window coverings for the Highway Shop in the amount of \$3,016.67.

File No. 6 – Commissioner Johnson moved, Commissioner Severson seconded, motion unanimously carried to accept a donation from the Brownsville VFW of \$150.00 to the Veteran Services Office to use for any veteran’s needs.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chairperson Burns said there would be a meeting on Tuesday August 31st regarding possibly redistricting in the City of La Crescent at La Crescent City Hall. Commissioner Walter and Commissioner Severson said they would attend the meeting as the decisions at the meeting could affect their districts.

Commissioners announced that the Assessor’s office was working on doing assessments of houses and buildings in the City of Caledonia.

Commissioners and County staff discussed the possibility of updating the hallway signage in the Historic Courthouse. The current signage was causing some confusion for residents looking

for various County departments in the building. Staff suggested having separate signs, with arrows below, indicating directions. It was the general consensus of the board that the signs should be updated to avoid confusion for the public.

Commissioners reported on recent meetings they had attended including an AMC meeting, State Extension Meeting, Wildcat meeting, Department Head Meeting, and Finance Committee Meeting.

Public Comment: No public comments were made.

There being no further business at 11:17 a.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Severson, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting would be a regular meeting on September 7, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HOUSTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

By: _____
Robert Burns, Chairperson

Attest: _____
Donna Trehus, Auditor/Treasurer

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Date: September 1, 2021

9:04 a.m.

Place: Commissioners Room, Courthouse, Caledonia, MN

Members Present:

Dewey Severson, Eric Johnson, Robert Burns, and Teresa Walter

Others Present:

Auditor/Treasurer Donna Trehus, Reporter Craig Moorhead, Finance Director Carol Lapham, Human Resources Director Theresa Arrick-Kruger, Board Clerk/EDA Director Allison Wagner, Interim Recorder Mary Betz, Sheriff Mark Inglett, Jail Administrator Mark Schiltz, Chief Deputy Sheriff Brian Swedberg, Administrative Assistant Holly Gleason, Administrative Assistant Carrie O'heron

Presiding: Chairperson Burns

Call to order. Emergency meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Walter, seconded by Commissioner Severson, motion unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

Public Comment: No public comments were made.

ACTION ITEMS

File No. 1 – Motion by Commissioner Severson, Seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept the resignation of Mark Schiltz, Jail Administrator, effective the end of work day September 17, 2021. Commissioners and the Sheriff thanked Schiltz for his many years of service to the County. Sheriff Inglett thanked Schiltz for his leadership.

File No. 2 – Motion by Commissioner Severson, Seconded by Commissioner Walter to approve immediately initiating a competitive search for a Jail Administrator.

Closing Public Comment: No public comments were made.

There being no further business at 9:17 a.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Severson, seconded by Commissioner Walter motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting would be a regular board meeting on September 7, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HOUSTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

By: _____
Robert Burns, Chairperson

Attest: _____
Donna Trehus, Auditor/Treasurer

Houston County Agenda Request Form

Date Submitted: September 2, 2021 **Board Date:** September 7, 2021

Person requesting appointment with County Board: Brian Pogodzinski

Issue:

Terms have been agreed to on an existing lawsuit with Mound Prairie Township that will require Board approval.

Attachments/Documentation for the Board's Review:

Copy of the Settlement Agreement and Exhibit.

Justification:

Release from lawsuit

Action Requested:

Closed session with Board and Attorney Kuboushek, followed by approval of the Settlement Agreement.

For County Use Only			
<u>Reviewed by:</u>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></div>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></div>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></div>
	County Auditor	County Attorney	Zoning Administrator
	Finance Director	County Engineer	Environmental Services
	IS Director	Other (indicate dept)	
<u>Recommendation:</u>			
<u>Decision:</u>			

All agenda request forms must be submitted to the County Auditor by 4:00 p.m. on Monday in order to be considered for inclusion on the following week's agenda. The Board will review all requests and determine if the request will be heard at a County Board meeting.

**HOUSTON COUNTY
AGENDA REQUEST FORM
September 7, 2021**

Date Submitted: 09.02.2021

By: Tess Kruger, HRD/Facilities Mgr.

ACTION REQUEST

Closed Session

Labor Negotiations – Closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. §13D.03, Subd. 1, (b) to discuss labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals, conducted pursuant to sections [179A.01](#) to [179A.25](#).

APPOINTMENT REQUEST

None

HR CONSENT AGENDA REQUEST

Highway

- **Hire Charles Ingram as a probationary Maintenance Specialist, Step 2, effective September 13, 2021, conditioned upon successful completion of background check**
- **Change Janet Becker's work assignment from 32 hours/week to up to 40 hours per week as needed on a temporary basis for approximately 12 weeks starting the week of October 25, 2021**

<u>Reviewed by:</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HR Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineer	
	<input type="checkbox"/> IS Director	<input type="checkbox"/> PHHS	
	<input type="checkbox"/> County Attorney	<input type="checkbox"/> (indicate other dept)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Svcs		
<u>Recommendation:</u>			
<u>Decision:</u>			

Houston County Agenda Request Form

Date Submitted: August 30, 2021 Board Date: September 7, 2021

Person requesting appointment with County Board: Brian Pogodzinski

Issue:

Board approval needed to award the low bid for SAP 028-599-098 / SAP 028-599-0100 to Van Gundy Excavating LLC in the amount of \$294,951.00. This project is for a bridge replacement on Rooster Valley Road in Blackhammer Township.

Attachments/Documentation for the Board's Review:

Abstract for SAP 028-599-098 SAP 028-599-100 is attached.

Reminder: Unit prices are not public until after the award.

Justification:

Action Requested:

Board approval to accept lowest responsible Bidder.

For County Use Only			
<u>Reviewed by:</u>	<u> </u> County Auditor	<u> </u> County Attorney	<u> </u> Zoning Administrator
	<u> </u> Finance Director	<u> </u> County Engineer	<u> </u> Environmental Services
	<u> </u> IS Director	<u> </u> Other (indicate dept)	<u> </u>
<u>Recommendation:</u>			
<u>Decision:</u>			

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HOUSTON COUNTY

MINNESOTA

Report Date: 8/30/2021

Contract Name: SAP 028-599-098 (Bridge L4012) and SAP 028-599-100 (Bridge L4009)
Rooster Valley Road

Contract Number: 318 SAP 028-599-098 and SAP 028-599-100

Release Date: 8/4/2021

Bid Opening: 8/30/2021, 10:00 AM

Bid Abstract Summary		Records 1-6 of 6
Bid Name	Total Amount	
VanGundy Excavating LLP	\$294,951.00	
Minnowa Construction Inc.	\$295,929.20	
Zenke, Inc	\$315,566.00	
Midwest Contracting, LLC	\$319,773.00	
ICON Constructors, LLC	\$407,325.00	
Schumacher Excavating Inc	\$409,627.00	

Houston County Agenda Request Form

Date Submitted: August 30, 2021 **Board Date:** September 7, 2021

Person requesting appointment with County Board: Brian Pogodzinski

Issue:

We would like a placeholder for the Airport Grant FAA AIP No 3-27-0016-09-21, SP A2803-33 pertaining to the Culvert Lining project. This grant agreement has been delayed by the FAA/Mn Dot Aeronautics and it is important to get it signed by the end of the day on September 7, 2021.

Attachments/Documentation for the Board's Review:

Copy of the grant agreement will be sent or provided as soon as we get it.

Justification:

This project has already been approved and let to Sub Surface Inc.

Action Requested:

Approval for Brian Pogodzinski to sign the grant agreement.

For County Use Only			
<u>Reviewed by:</u>	_____ County Auditor	_____ County Attorney	_____ Zoning Administrator
	_____ Finance Director	_____ County Engineer	_____ Environmental Services
	_____ IS Director	_____ Other (indicate dept)	_____
<u>Recommendation:</u>			
<u>Decision:</u>			

All agenda request forms must be submitted to the County Auditor by 4:00 p.m. on Monday in order to be considered for inclusion on the following week's agenda. The Board will review all requests and determine if the request will be heard at a County Board meeting.



U.S. Department
of Transportation
Federal Aviation
Administration

Airports Division
Great Lakes Region
Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota

6020 28th Avenue S, Suite 102
Minneapolis, MN 55450

August 31, 2021

Mr. Brian Pogodzinski
County Engineer
1124 E Washington St
Caledonia, MN 55921

Dear Mr. Pogodzinski:

We are transmitting to you for execution the Grant Offer for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Project No. **3-27-0016-010-2021** at **Houston County in Caledonia, Minnesota** Airport. This letter outlines expectations for success. Please read the conditions and assurances carefully.

To properly enter into this agreement, you must do the following:

- a. The governing body must provide authority to execute the grant to the individual signing the grant; i.e. the sponsor's authorized representative.
- b. The sponsor's authorized representative must execute the grant by providing their electronic signature.
- c. Once the sponsor's authorized representative has electronically signed the grant, the sponsor's attorney will automatically be sent via email the grant to provide their electronic signature.
- d. You may not make any modification to the text, terms or conditions of the grant offer.
- e. Following the attorney's action, the executed grant will be automatically sent to all parties as an attachment to an email.

Subject to the requirements in 2 CFR §200.305, each payment request for reimbursement under this grant must be made electronically via the Delphi eInvoicing System. Please see the attached Grant Agreement for more information regarding the use of this System.

The terms and conditions of this agreement require you to complete the project without undue delay. We will be monitoring your progress to ensure proper stewardship of these Federal funds. **We expect you to submit payment requests for reimbursement of allowable incurred project expenses consistent with project progress.** Should you fail to make draws on a regular basis, your grant may be placed in "inactive" status, which will affect your ability to receive future grant offers.

Until the grant is completed and closed, you are responsible for submitting formal reports as follows:

- A signed/dated SF-270 (non-construction projects) or SF-271 or equivalent (construction projects) **and** SF-425 annually, due 90 days after the end of each federal fiscal year in which this grant is open (due December 31 of each year this grant is open); and
- Performance Reports, which are due within 30 days of the end of a reporting period as follows:
 1. Non-construction project: Due annually at end of the Federal fiscal year.
 2. Construction project: Submit FAA form 5370-1, Construction Progress and Inspection Report at the end of each fiscal quarter.

As a condition of receiving Federal assistance under this award, you must comply with audit requirements as established under 2 CFR part 200. Subpart F requires non-Federal entities that expend \$750,000 or more in Federal awards to conduct a single or program specific audit for that year. Note that this includes Federal expenditures made under other Federal-assistance programs. Please take appropriate and necessary action to assure your organization will comply with applicable audit requirements and standards.

Once the project(s) is completed and all costs are determined, we ask that you close the project without delay and submit the necessary final closeout documentation as required by your Region/Airports District Office.

Ben Garrow, (612) 253-4610, is the assigned program manager for this grant and is readily available to assist you and your designated representative with the requirements stated herein. We sincerely value your cooperation in these efforts and look forward to working with you to complete this important project.

Sincerely,



E. Lindsay Butler
Deputy ADO Manager



U.S. Department
of Transportation
Federal Aviation
Administration

FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

GRANT AGREEMENT

Part I - Offer

Federal Award Offer Date	August 31, 2021
Airport/Planning Area	Houston County Airport
FY2021 AIP Grant Number	3-27-0016-010-2021
Unique Entity Identifier	071764690

TO: **County of Houston**

(herein called the "Sponsor")

Channeled through the State of Minnesota

FROM: **The United States of America** (acting through the Federal Aviation Administration, herein called the "FAA")

WHEREAS, the Sponsor has submitted to the FAA a Project Application dated June 28, 2021, for a grant of Federal funds for a project at or associated with the Houston County Airport, which is included as part of this Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has approved a project for the Houston County Airport (herein called the "Project") consisting of the following:

Runway Drainage Improvements

which is more fully described in the Project Application.

NOW THEREFORE, Pursuant to and for the purpose of carrying out the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Public Law Number 115-254); Title 49, United States Code (U.S.C.), Chapters 471 and 475; 49 U.S.C. §§ 40101 et seq., and 48103; the Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260, Division L), as further amended by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2); and the representations contained in the Project Application; and in consideration of: (a) the Sponsor's adoption and ratification of the Grant Assurances attached hereto (b) the Sponsor's acceptance of this Offer; and (c) the benefits to accrue to the United States and the public from the accomplishment of the Project and compliance with the Grant Assurance and conditions as herein provided;

THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES, HEREBY OFFERS AND AGREES to pay 100 percent of the allowable costs incurred accomplishing the Project as the United States share of the Project.

Assistance Listings Number (Formerly CFDA Number): 20.106

This Offer is made on and SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

CONDITIONS

1. **Maximum Obligation.** The maximum obligation of the United States payable under this Offer is **\$78,000.**

The following amounts represent a breakdown of the maximum obligation for the purpose of establishing allowable amounts for any future grant amendment, which may increase the foregoing maximum obligation of the United States under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 47108(b):

\$ 0 for planning

\$ 78,000 airport development or noise program implementation; and,

\$ 0 for land acquisition.

2. **Grant Performance.** This Grant Agreement is subject to the following Federal award requirements:

- a. **Period of Performance:**

1. Shall start on the date the Sponsor formally accepts this Agreement and is the date signed by the last Sponsor signatory to the Agreement. The end date of the Period of Performance is 4 years (1,460 calendar days) from the date of acceptance. The Period of Performance end date shall not affect, relieve, or reduce Sponsor obligations and assurances that extend beyond the closeout of this Grant Agreement.
2. Means the total estimated time interval between the start of an initial Federal award and the planned end date, which may include one or more funded portions or budget periods. (2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 200.1).

- b. **Budget Period:**

1. For this Grant is 4 years (1,460 calendar days) and follows the same start and end date as the period of performance provided in Paragraph a.1. Pursuant to 2 CFR § 200.403(h), the Sponsor may charge to the Grant only allowable costs incurred during the Budget Period.
2. Means the time interval from the start date of a funded portion of an award to the end date of that funded portion during which the Sponsor is authorized to expend the funds awarded, including any funds carried forward or other revisions pursuant to § 200.308.

- c. **Close Out and Termination**

1. Unless the FAA authorizes a written extension, the Sponsor must submit all Grant closeout documentation and liquidate (pay-off) all obligations incurred under this award no later than 120 calendar days after the end date of the period of performance. If the Sponsor does not submit all required closeout documentation within this time period, the FAA will proceed to close out the grant within one year of the period of performance end date with the information available at the end of 120 days. (2 CFR § 200.344).

2. The FAA may terminate this Grant, in whole or in part, in accordance with the conditions set forth in 2 CFR § 200.340, or other Federal regulatory or statutory authorities as applicable.
3. **Ineligible or Unallowable Costs.** The Sponsor must not include any costs in the project that the FAA has determined to be ineligible or unallowable.
4. **Indirect Costs - Sponsor.** The Sponsor may charge indirect costs under this award by applying the indirect cost rate identified in the project application as accepted by the FAA, to allowable costs for Sponsor direct salaries and wages.
5. **Determining the Final Federal Share of Costs.** The United States' share of allowable project costs will be made in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 47109, the regulations, policies, and procedures of the Secretary, and any superseding legislation. Final determination of the United States' share will be based upon the final audit of the total amount of allowable project costs and settlement will be made for any upward or downward adjustments to the Federal share of costs.
6. **Completing the Project Without Delay and in Conformance with Requirements.** The Sponsor must carry out and complete the project without undue delays and in accordance with this Agreement, 49 U.S.C. Chapters 471 and 475, and the regulations, policies, and procedures of the Secretary of Transportation ("Secretary"). Per 2 CFR § 200.308, the Sponsor agrees to report to the FAA any disengagement from performing the project that exceeds three months or a 25 percent reduction in time devoted to the project, and request prior approval from FAA. The report must include a reason for the project stoppage. The Sponsor also agrees to comply with the grant assurances, which are part of this Agreement.
7. **Amendments or Withdrawals before Grant Acceptance.** The FAA reserves the right to amend or withdraw this offer at any time prior to its acceptance by the Sponsor.
8. **Offer Expiration Date.** This offer will expire and the United States will not be obligated to pay any part of the costs of the project unless this offer has been accepted by the Sponsor on or before September 10, 2021, or such subsequent date as may be prescribed in writing by the FAA.
9. **Improper Use of Federal Funds.** The Sponsor must take all steps, including litigation if necessary, to recover Federal funds spent fraudulently, wastefully, or in violation of Federal antitrust statutes, or misused in any other manner for any project upon which Federal funds have been expended. For the purposes of this Grant Agreement, the term "Federal funds" means funds however used or dispersed by the Sponsor, that were originally paid pursuant to this or any other Federal grant agreement. The Sponsor must obtain the approval of the Secretary as to any determination of the amount of the Federal share of such funds. The Sponsor must return the recovered Federal share, including funds recovered by settlement, order, or judgment, to the Secretary. The Sponsor must furnish to the Secretary, upon request, all documents and records pertaining to the determination of the amount of the Federal share or to any settlement, litigation, negotiation, or other efforts taken to recover such funds. All settlements or other final positions of the Sponsor, in court or otherwise, involving the recovery of such Federal share require advance approval by the Secretary.
10. **United States Not Liable for Damage or Injury.** The United States is not responsible or liable for damage to property or injury to persons which may arise from, or be incident to, compliance with this Grant Agreement.

11. System for Award Management (SAM) Registration and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

- a. Requirement for System for Award Management (SAM): Unless the Sponsor is exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR 25.110, the Sponsor must maintain the currency of its information in the SAM until the Sponsor submits the final financial report required under this Grant, or receives the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that the Sponsor review and update the information at least annually after the initial registration and more frequently if required by changes in information or another award term. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the SAM website (currently at <http://www.sam.gov>).
- b. Unique entity identifier (UEI) means a 12-character alpha-numeric value used to identify a specific commercial, nonprofit or governmental entity. A UEI may be obtained from SAM.gov at <https://sam.gov/SAM/pages/public/index.jsf>.

12. Electronic Grant Payment(s). Unless otherwise directed by the FAA, the Sponsor must make each payment request under this Agreement electronically via the Delphi eInvoicing System for Department of Transportation (DOT) Financial Assistance Awardees.

13. Informal Letter Amendment of AIP Projects. If, during the life of the project, the FAA determines that the maximum grant obligation of the United States exceeds the expected needs of the Sponsor by \$25,000 or five percent (5%), whichever is greater, the FAA can issue a letter amendment to the Sponsor unilaterally reducing the maximum obligation.

The FAA can also issue a letter to the Sponsor increasing the maximum obligation if there is an overrun in the total actual eligible and allowable project costs to cover the amount of the overrun provided it will not exceed the statutory limitations for grant amendments. The FAA's authority to increase the maximum obligation does not apply to the "planning" component of Condition No. 1.

The FAA can also issue an informal letter amendment that modifies the grant description to correct administrative errors or to delete work items if the FAA finds it advantageous and in the best interests of the United States.

An informal letter amendment has the same force and effect as a formal grant amendment.

14. Air and Water Quality. The Sponsor is required to comply with all applicable air and water quality standards for all projects in this grant. If the Sponsor fails to comply with this requirement, the FAA may suspend, cancel, or terminate this Grant Agreement.

15. Financial Reporting and Payment Requirements. The Sponsor will comply with all Federal financial reporting requirements and payment requirements, including submittal of timely and accurate reports.

16. Buy American. Unless otherwise approved in advance by the FAA, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 50101, the Sponsor will not acquire or permit any contractor or subcontractor to acquire any steel or manufactured products produced outside the United States to be used for any project for which funds are provided under this grant. The Sponsor will include a provision implementing Buy American in every contract and subcontract awarded under this Grant.

17. Maximum Obligation Increase. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 47108(b)(3), as amended, the maximum obligation of the United States, as stated in Condition No. 1 of this Grant Offer:

- a. May not be increased for a planning project;
- b. May be increased by not more than 15 percent for development projects if funds are available;

- c. May be increased by not more than the greater of the following for a, land project, if funds are available:
 - 1. 15 percent; or
 - 2. 25 percent of the total increase in allowable project costs attributable to acquiring an interest in the land.

If the sponsor requests an increase, any eligible increase in funding will be subject to the United States Government share as provided in 49 U.S.C. § 47110, or other superseding legislation if applicable, for the fiscal year appropriation with which the increase is funded. The FAA is not responsible for the same Federal share provided herein for any amount increased over the initial grant amount. The FAA may adjust the Federal share as applicable through an informal letter of amendment.

18. Audits for Sponsors.

PUBLIC SPONSORS. The Sponsor must provide for a Single Audit or program-specific audit in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200. The Sponsor must submit the audit reporting package to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse on the Federal Audit Clearinghouse's Internet Data Entry System at <http://harvester.census.gov/facweb/>. Upon request of the FAA, the Sponsor shall provide one copy of the completed audit to the FAA.

19. Suspension or Debarment. When entering into a "covered transaction" as defined by 2 CFR § 180.200, the Sponsor must:

- a. Verify the non-Federal entity is eligible to participate in this Federal program by:
 - 1. Checking the excluded parties list system (EPLS) as maintained within the System for Award Management (SAM) to determine if the non-Federal entity is excluded or disqualified; or
 - 2. Collecting a certification statement from the non-Federal entity attesting they are not excluded or disqualified from participating; or
 - 3. Adding a clause or condition to covered transactions attesting individual or firm are not excluded or disqualified from participating.
- b. Require prime contractors to comply with 2 CFR § 180.330 when entering into lower-tier transactions (e.g. Sub-contracts).
- c. Immediately disclose to the FAA whenever the Sponsor (1) learns they have entered into a covered transaction with an ineligible entity or (2) suspends or debar a contractor, person, or entity.

20. Ban on Texting While Driving.

- a. In accordance with Executive Order 13513, Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving, October 1, 2009, and DOT Order 3902.10, Text Messaging While Driving, December 30, 2009, the Sponsor is encouraged to:
 - 1. Adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers including policies to ban text messaging while driving when performing any work for, or on behalf of, the Federal government, including work relating to a grant or subgrant.
 - 2. Conduct workplace safety initiatives in a manner commensurate with the size of the business, such as:

- a. Establishment of new rules and programs or re-evaluation of existing programs to prohibit text messaging while driving; and
- b. Education, awareness, and other outreach to employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving.
- b. The Sponsor must insert the substance of this clause on banning texting while driving in all subgrants, contracts, and subcontracts funded with this Grant.

21. Trafficking in Persons.

- a. You as the recipient, your employees, subrecipients under this Grant, and subrecipients' employees may not –
 - 1. Engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the Grant and applicable conditions are in effect;
 - 2. Procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the Grant and applicable conditions are in effect; or
 - 3. Use forced labor in the performance of the Grant or any subgrants under this Grant.
- b. We as the Federal awarding agency, may unilaterally terminate this Grant, without penalty, if you or a subrecipient that is a private entity –
 - 1. Is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a. of this condition; or
 - 2. Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the Grant to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a. of this condition through conduct that is either –
 - a. Associated with performance under this Grant; or
 - b. Imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR Part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by our agency at 49 CFR Part 29.
- c. You must inform us immediately of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in paragraph a. of this condition.
- d. Our right to terminate unilaterally that is described in paragraph a. of this condition:
 - i. Implements section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)), and
 - ii. Is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to us under this Grant Agreement.

- 22. AIP Funded Work Included in a PFC Application.** Within 90 days of acceptance of this Grant Agreement, the Sponsor must submit to the FAA an amendment to any approved Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) application that contains an approved PFC project also covered under this Grant Agreement as described in the project application. The airport sponsor may not make any expenditure under this Grant Agreement until project work addressed under this Grant Agreement is removed from an approved PFC application by amendment.
- 23. Exhibit "A" Property Map.** The Exhibit "A" Property Map dated September 11, 1969, is incorporated herein by reference or is submitted with the project application and made part of this Grant Agreement.

24. Employee Protection from Reprisal.

- a. Prohibition of Reprisals —
 - 1. In accordance with 41 U.S.C. § 4712, an employee of a Sponsor, grantee, subgrantee, contractor, or subcontractor may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing to a person or body described in sub-paragraph a.2. below, information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of:
 - i. Gross mismanagement of a Federal grant;
 - ii. Gross waste of Federal funds;
 - iii. An abuse of authority relating to implementation or use of Federal funds;
 - iv. A substantial and specific danger to public health or safety; or
 - v. A violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal grant.
 - 2. Persons and bodies covered. The persons and bodies to which a disclosure by an employee is covered are as follows:
 - i. A member of Congress or a representative of a committee of Congress;
 - ii. An Inspector General;
 - iii. The Government Accountability Office;
 - iv. A Federal employee responsible for contract or grant oversight or management at the relevant agency;
 - v. A court or grand jury;
 - vi. A management official or other employee of the Sponsor, contractor, or subcontractor who has the responsibility to investigate, discover, or address misconduct; or
 - vii. An authorized official of the Department of Justice or other law enforcement agency.
 - 3. Submission of Complaint — A person who believes that they have been subjected to a reprisal prohibited by paragraph a of this grant term may submit a complaint regarding the reprisal to the Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Department of Transportation.
 - 4. Time Limitation for Submittal of a Complaint — A complaint may not be brought under this condition more than three years after the date on which the alleged reprisal took place.
 - 5. Required Actions of the Inspector General — Actions, limitations, and exceptions of the Inspector General's office are established under 41 U.S.C. § 4712(b).
 - 6. Assumption of Rights to Civil Remedy — Upon receipt of an explanation of a decision not to conduct or continue an investigation by the Office of Inspector General, the person submitting a complaint assumes the right to a civil remedy under 41 U.S.C. § 4712(c).

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 25. **Environmental.** The environmental approval for this project was issued on April 16, 2021.
- 26. **Plans and Specifications Approval Based Upon Certification.** The FAA and the Sponsor agree that the FAA's approval of the Sponsor's Plans and Specification is based primarily upon the Sponsor's certification to carry out the project in accordance with policies, standards, and specifications approved by the FAA. The Sponsor understands that:
 - a. The Sponsor's certification does not relieve the Sponsor of the requirement to obtain prior FAA approval for modifications to any AIP standards or to notify the FAA of any limitations to competition within the project;

- b. The FAA's acceptance of a Sponsor's certification does not limit the FAA from reviewing appropriate project documentation for the purpose of validating the certification statements; and
 - c. If the FAA determines that the Sponsor has not complied with their certification statements, the FAA will review the associated project costs to determine whether such costs are allowable under this Grant.
27. **Buy American Executive Orders**. The Sponsor agrees to abide by applicable Executive Orders in effect at the time this Grant Agreement is executed, including Executive Order 14005, Ensuring the Future Is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers.

The Sponsor's acceptance of this Offer and ratification and adoption of the Project Application incorporated herein shall be evidenced by execution of this instrument by the Sponsor, as hereinafter provided, and this Offer and Acceptance shall comprise a Grant Agreement, constituting the contractual obligations and rights of the United States and the Sponsor with respect to the accomplishment of the Project and compliance with the Grant Assurances, terms, and conditions as provided herein. Such Grant Agreement shall become effective upon the Sponsor's acceptance of this Offer.

Please read the following information: By signing this document, you are agreeing that you have reviewed the following consumer disclosure information and consent to transact business using electronic communications, to receive notices and disclosures electronically, and to utilize electronic signatures in lieu of using paper documents. You are not required to receive notices and disclosures or sign documents electronically. If you prefer not to do so, you may request to receive paper copies and withdraw your consent at any time.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.¹

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**



(Signature)

E. Lindsay Butler

(Typed Name)

Deputy Manager, FAA-DMA-ADO

(Title of FAA Official)

¹ Knowingly and willfully providing false information to the Federal government is a violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 (False Statements) and could subject you to fines, imprisonment, or both.

Part II - Acceptance

The Sponsor does hereby ratify and adopt all assurances, statements, representations, warranties, covenants, and agreements contained in the Project Application and incorporated materials referred to in the foregoing Offer, and does hereby accept this Offer and by such acceptance agrees to comply with all of the Grant Assurances, terms, and conditions in this Offer and in the Project Application.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.²

Dated _____

County of Houston

(Name of Sponsor)

(Signature of Sponsor's Authorized Official)

By:

(Typed Name of Sponsor's Authorized Official)

Title:

(Title of Sponsor's Authorized Official)

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CERTIFICATE OF SPONSOR'S ATTORNEY

I, _____, acting as Attorney for the Sponsor do hereby certify:

That in my opinion the Sponsor is empowered to enter into the foregoing Grant Agreement under the laws of the State of Minnesota. Further, I have examined the foregoing Grant Agreement and the actions taken by said Sponsor and Sponsor's official representative, who has been duly authorized to execute this Grant Agreement, which is in all respects due and proper and in accordance with the laws of the said State, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Public Law Number 115-254); Title 49 U.S.C., Chapters 471 and 475; 49 U.S.C. §§ 40101, et seq., and 48103; and the Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260, Division L), as further amended by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2). In addition, for grants involving projects to be carried out on property not owned by the Sponsor, there are no legal impediments that will prevent full performance by the Sponsor. Further, it is my opinion that the said Grant Agreement constitutes a legal and binding obligation of the Sponsor in accordance with the terms thereof.

Please read the following information: By signing this document, you are agreeing that you have reviewed the following consumer disclosure information and consent to transact business using electronic communications, to receive notices and disclosures electronically, and to utilize electronic signatures in lieu of using paper documents. You are not required to receive notices and disclosures or sign documents electronically. If you prefer not to do so, you may request to receive paper copies and withdraw your consent at any time.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.³

Dated at _____

By:

(Signature of Sponsor's Attorney)

ASSURANCES

AIRPORT SPONSORS

A. General.

- a. These assurances shall be complied with in the performance of grant agreements for airport development, airport planning, and noise compatibility program grants for airport sponsors.
- b. These assurances are required to be submitted as part of the project application by sponsors requesting funds under the provisions of Title 49, U.S.C., subtitle VII, as amended. As used herein, the term "public agency sponsor" means a public agency with control of a public-use airport; the term "private sponsor" means a private owner of a public-use airport; and the term "sponsor" includes both public agency sponsors and private sponsors.
- c. Upon acceptance of this grant offer by the sponsor, these assurances are incorporated in and become part of this grant agreement.

B. Duration and Applicability.

1. Airport development or Noise Compatibility Program Projects Undertaken by a Public Agency Sponsor.

The terms, conditions and assurances of this grant agreement shall remain in full force and effect throughout the useful life of the facilities developed or equipment acquired for an airport development or noise compatibility program project, or throughout the useful life of the project items installed within a facility under a noise compatibility program project, but in any event not to exceed twenty (20) years from the date of acceptance of a grant offer of Federal funds for the project. However, there shall be no limit on the duration of the assurances regarding Exclusive Rights and Airport Revenue so long as the airport is used as an airport. There shall be no limit on the duration of the terms, conditions, and assurances with respect to real property acquired with federal funds. Furthermore, the duration of the Civil Rights assurance shall be specified in the assurances.

2. Airport Development or Noise Compatibility Projects Undertaken by a Private Sponsor.

The preceding paragraph 1 also applies to a private sponsor except that the useful life of project items installed within a facility or the useful life of the facilities developed or equipment acquired under an airport development or noise compatibility program project shall be no less than ten (10) years from the date of acceptance of Federal aid for the project.

3. Airport Planning Undertaken by a Sponsor.

Unless otherwise specified in this grant agreement, only Assurances 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 13, 18, 25, 30, 32, 33, and 34 in Section C apply to planning projects. The terms, conditions, and assurances of this grant agreement shall remain in full force and effect during the life of the project; there shall be no limit on the duration of the assurances regarding Exclusive Rights and Airport Revenue so long as the airport is used as an airport.

C. Sponsor Certification.

The sponsor hereby assures and certifies, with respect to this grant that:

1. General Federal Requirements

It will comply with all applicable Federal laws, regulations, executive orders, policies, guidelines, and requirements as they relate to the application, acceptance and use of Federal funds for this project including but not limited to the following:

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

- a. Title 49, U.S.C., subtitle VII, as amended.
- b. Davis-Bacon Act — 40 U.S.C. 276(a), et seq.¹
- c. Federal Fair Labor Standards Act - 29 U.S.C. 201, et seq.
- d. Hatch Act — 5 U.S.C. 1501, et seq.²
- e. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 Title 42 U.S.C. 4601, et seq.^{1 2}
- f. National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 – Section 106 - 16 U.S.C. 470(f).¹
- g. Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 - 16 U.S.C. 469 through 469c.¹
- h. Native Americans Grave Repatriation Act - 25 U.S.C. Section 3001, et seq.
- i. Clean Air Act, P.L. 90-148, as amended.
- j. Coastal Zone Management Act, P.L. 93-205, as amended.
- k. Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 – Section 102(a) - 42 U.S.C. 4012a.¹
- l. Title 49, U.S.C., Section 303, (formerly known as Section 4(f))
- m. Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - 29 U.S.C. 794.
- n. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- o. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.), prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability).
- p. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 - 42 U.S.C. 6101, et seq.
- q. American Indian Religious Freedom Act, P.L. 95-341, as amended.
- r. Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 -42 U.S.C. 4151, et seq.¹
- s. Power plant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 – Section 403- 2 U.S.C. 8373.¹
- t. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act - 40 U.S.C. 327, et seq.¹
- u. Copeland Anti-kickback Act - 18 U.S.C. 874.¹
- v. National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 - 42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.¹
- w. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, P.L. 90-542, as amended.
- x. Single Audit Act of 1984 - 31 U.S.C. 7501, et seq.²
- y. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 - 41 U.S.C. 702 through 706.
- z. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, as amended (Pub. L. 109-282, as amended by section 6202 of Pub. L. 110-252).

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

- a. Executive Order 11246 – Equal Employment Opportunity¹
- b. Executive Order 11990 – Protection of Wetlands
- c. Executive Order 11998 – Flood Plain Management
- d. Executive Order 12372 – Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs
- e. Executive Order 12699 – Seismic Safety of Federal and Federally Assisted New Building Construction¹
- f. Executive Order 12898 – Environmental Justice

FEDERAL REGULATIONS

- a. 2 CFR Part 180 – OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement).
- b. 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. [OMB Circular A-87 Cost Principles Applicable to Grants and Contracts with State and Local Governments, and OMB Circular A-133 - Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations].^{4, 5, 6}
- c. 2 CFR Part 1200 – Non-procurement Suspension and Debarment.
- d. 14 CFR Part 13 – Investigative and Enforcement Procedures
- e. 14 CFR Part 16 – Rules of Practice For Federally Assisted Airport Enforcement Proceedings.
- f. 14 CFR Part 150 – Airport noise compatibility planning.
- g. 28 CFR Part 35 – Discrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services.
- h. 28 CFR § 50.3 – U.S. Department of Justice Guidelines for Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- i. 29 CFR Part 1 – Procedures for predetermination of wage rates.¹
- j. 29 CFR Part 3 – Contractors and subcontractors on public building or public work financed in whole or part by loans or grants from the United States.¹
- k. 29 CFR Part 5 – Labor standards provisions applicable to contracts covering federally financed and assisted construction (also labor standards provisions applicable to non-construction contracts subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act).¹
- l. 41 CFR Part 60 – Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor (Federal and federally assisted contracting requirements).¹
- m. 49 CFR Part 18 – Uniform administrative requirements for grants and cooperative agreements to state and local governments.³
- n. 49 CFR Part 20 – New restrictions on lobbying.
- o. 49 CFR Part 21 – Nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation - effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- p. 49 CFR Part 23 – Participation by Disadvantage Business Enterprise in Airport Concessions.

- q. 49 CFR Part 24 – Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs.^{1 2}
- r. 49 CFR Part 26 – Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Programs.
- s. 49 CFR Part 27 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance.¹
- t. 49 CFR Part 28 – Enforcement of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities conducted by the Department of Transportation.
- u. 49 CFR Part 30 – Denial of public works contracts to suppliers of goods and services of countries that deny procurement market access to U.S. contractors.
- v. 49 CFR Part 32 – Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance).
- w. 49 CFR Part 37 – Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA).
- x. 49 CFR Part 41 – Seismic safety of Federal and federally assisted or regulated new building construction.

SPECIFIC ASSURANCES

Specific assurances required to be included in grant agreements by any of the above laws, regulations or circulars are incorporated by reference in this grant agreement.

FOOTNOTES TO ASSURANCE C.1.

- ¹ These laws do not apply to airport planning sponsors.
- ² These laws do not apply to private sponsors.
- ³ 49 CFR Part 18 and 2 CFR Part 200 contain requirements for State and Local Governments receiving Federal assistance. Any requirement levied upon State and Local Governments by this regulation and circular shall also be applicable to private sponsors receiving Federal assistance under Title 49, United States Code.
- ⁴ On December 26, 2013 at 78 FR 78590, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR Part 200. 2 CFR Part 200 replaces and combines the former Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants (OMB Circular A-102 and Circular A-110 or 2 CFR Part 215 or Circular) as well as the Cost Principles (Circulars A-21 or 2 CFR part 220; Circular A-87 or 2 CFR part 225; and A-122, 2 CFR part 230). Additionally it replaces Circular A-133 guidance on the Single Annual Audit. In accordance with 2 CFR section 200.110, the standards set forth in Part 200 which affect administration of Federal awards issued by Federal agencies become effective once implemented by Federal agencies or when any future amendment to this Part becomes final. Federal agencies, including the Department of Transportation, must implement the policies and procedures applicable to Federal awards by promulgating a regulation to be effective by December 26, 2014 unless different provisions are required by statute or approved by OMB.
- ⁵ Cost principles established in 2 CFR part 200 subpart E must be used as guidelines for determining the eligibility of specific types of expenses.
- ⁶ Audit requirements established in 2 CFR part 200 subpart F are the guidelines for audits.

2. Responsibility and Authority of the Sponsor.**a. Public Agency Sponsor:**

It has legal authority to apply for this grant, and to finance and carry out the proposed project; that a resolution, motion or similar action has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the applicant's governing body authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the applicant to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

b. Private Sponsor:

It has legal authority to apply for this grant and to finance and carry out the proposed project and comply with all terms, conditions, and assurances of this grant agreement. It shall designate an official representative and shall in writing direct and authorize that person to file this application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein; to act in connection with this application; and to provide such additional information as may be required.

3. Sponsor Fund Availability.

It has sufficient funds available for that portion of the project costs which are not to be paid by the United States. It has sufficient funds available to assure operation and maintenance of items funded under this grant agreement which it will own or control.

4. Good Title.

- a. It, a public agency or the Federal government, holds good title, satisfactory to the Secretary, to the landing area of the airport or site thereof, or will give assurance satisfactory to the Secretary that good title will be acquired.
- b. For noise compatibility program projects to be carried out on the property of the sponsor, it holds good title satisfactory to the Secretary to that portion of the property upon which Federal funds will be expended or will give assurance to the Secretary that good title will be obtained.

5. Preserving Rights and Powers.

- a. It will not take or permit any action which would operate to deprive it of any of the rights and powers necessary to perform any or all of the terms, conditions, and assurances in this grant agreement without the written approval of the Secretary, and will act promptly to acquire, extinguish or modify any outstanding rights or claims of right of others which would interfere with such performance by the sponsor. This shall be done in a manner acceptable to the Secretary.
- b. Subject to the FAA Act of 2018, Public Law 115-254, Section 163, it will not sell, lease, encumber, or otherwise transfer or dispose of any part of its title or other interests in the property shown on Exhibit A to this application or, for a noise compatibility program project, that portion of the property upon which Federal funds have been expended, for the duration of the terms, conditions, and assurances in this grant agreement without approval by the Secretary. If the transferee is found by the Secretary to be eligible under Title 49, United States Code, to assume the obligations of this grant agreement and to have the power, authority, and financial resources to carry out all such obligations, the sponsor shall insert in the contract or

document transferring or disposing of the sponsor's interest, and make binding upon the transferee all of the terms, conditions, and assurances contained in this grant agreement.

- c. For all noise compatibility program projects which are to be carried out by another unit of local government or are on property owned by a unit of local government other than the sponsor, it will enter into an agreement with that government. Except as otherwise specified by the Secretary, that agreement shall obligate that government to the same terms, conditions, and assurances that would be applicable to it if it applied directly to the FAA for a grant to undertake the noise compatibility program project. That agreement and changes thereto must be satisfactory to the Secretary. It will take steps to enforce this agreement against the local government if there is substantial non-compliance with the terms of the agreement.
- d. For noise compatibility program projects to be carried out on privately owned property, it will enter into an agreement with the owner of that property which includes provisions specified by the Secretary. It will take steps to enforce this agreement against the property owner whenever there is substantial non-compliance with the terms of the agreement.
- e. If the sponsor is a private sponsor, it will take steps satisfactory to the Secretary to ensure that the airport will continue to function as a public-use airport in accordance with these assurances for the duration of these assurances.
- f. If an arrangement is made for management and operation of the airport by any agency or person other than the sponsor or an employee of the sponsor, the sponsor will reserve sufficient rights and authority to insure that the airport will be operated and maintained in accordance Title 49, United States Code, the regulations and the terms, conditions and assurances in this grant agreement and shall insure that such arrangement also requires compliance therewith.
- g. Sponsors of commercial service airports will not permit or enter into any arrangement that results in permission for the owner or tenant of a property used as a residence, or zoned for residential use, to taxi an aircraft between that property and any location on airport. Sponsors of general aviation airports entering into any arrangement that results in permission for the owner of residential real property adjacent to or near the airport must comply with the requirements of Sec. 136 of Public Law 112-95 and the sponsor assurances.

6. Consistency with Local Plans.

The project is reasonably consistent with plans (existing at the time of submission of this application) of public agencies that are authorized by the State in which the project is located to plan for the development of the area surrounding the airport.

7. Consideration of Local Interest.

It has given fair consideration to the interest of communities in or near where the project may be located.

8. Consultation with Users.

In making a decision to undertake any airport development project under Title 49, United States Code, it has undertaken reasonable consultations with affected parties using the airport at which project is proposed.

9. Public Hearings.

In projects involving the location of an airport, an airport runway, or a major runway extension, it has afforded the opportunity for public hearings for the purpose of considering the economic, social, and environmental effects of the airport or runway location and its consistency with goals and objectives of such planning as has been carried out by the community and it shall, when requested by the Secretary, submit a copy of the transcript of such hearings to the Secretary. Further, for such projects, it has on its management board either voting representation from the communities where the project is located or has advised the communities that they have the right to petition the Secretary concerning a proposed project.

10. Metropolitan Planning Organization.

In projects involving the location of an airport, an airport runway, or a major runway extension at a medium or large hub airport, the sponsor has made available to and has provided upon request to the metropolitan planning organization in the area in which the airport is located, if any, a copy of the proposed amendment to the airport layout plan to depict the project and a copy of any airport master plan in which the project is described or depicted.

11. Pavement Preventive Maintenance.

With respect to a project approved after January 1, 1995, for the replacement or reconstruction of pavement at the airport, it assures or certifies that it has implemented an effective airport pavement maintenance-management program and it assures that it will use such program for the useful life of any pavement constructed, reconstructed or repaired with Federal financial assistance at the airport. It will provide such reports on pavement condition and pavement management programs as the Secretary determines may be useful.

12. Terminal Development Prerequisites.

For projects which include terminal development at a public use airport, as defined in Title 49, it has, on the date of submittal of the project grant application, all the safety equipment required for certification of such airport under section 44706 of Title 49, United States Code, and all the security equipment required by rule or regulation, and has provided for access to the passenger enplaning and deplaning area of such airport to passengers enplaning and deplaning from aircraft other than air carrier aircraft.

13. Accounting System, Audit, and Record Keeping Requirements.

- a. It shall keep all project accounts and records which fully disclose the amount and disposition by the recipient of the proceeds of this grant, the total cost of the project in connection with which this grant is given or used, and the amount or nature of that portion of the cost of the project supplied by other sources, and such other financial records pertinent to the project. The accounts and records shall be kept in accordance with an accounting system that will facilitate an effective audit in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984.
- b. It shall make available to the Secretary and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, for the purpose of audit and examination, any books, documents, papers, and records of the recipient that are pertinent to this grant. The Secretary may require that an appropriate audit be conducted by a recipient. In any case in which an independent audit is made of the accounts of a sponsor relating to the disposition of the proceeds of a grant or relating to the project in connection with which this grant was given or used, it shall file a certified copy of such audit with the Comptroller General of the United

States not later than six (6) months following the close of the fiscal year for which the audit was made.

14. Minimum Wage Rates.

It shall include, in all contracts in excess of \$2,000 for work on any projects funded under this grant agreement which involve labor, provisions establishing minimum rates of wages, to be predetermined by the Secretary of Labor, in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 276a-276a-5), which contractors shall pay to skilled and unskilled labor, and such minimum rates shall be stated in the invitation for bids and shall be included in proposals or bids for the work.

15. Veteran's Preference.

It shall include in all contracts for work on any project funded under this grant agreement which involve labor, such provisions as are necessary to insure that, in the employment of labor (except in executive, administrative, and supervisory positions), preference shall be given to Vietnam era veterans, Persian Gulf veterans, Afghanistan-Iraq war veterans, disabled veterans, and small business concerns owned and controlled by disabled veterans as defined in Section 47112 of Title 49, United States Code. However, this preference shall apply only where the individuals are available and qualified to perform the work to which the employment relates.

16. Conformity to Plans and Specifications.

It will execute the project subject to plans, specifications, and schedules approved by the Secretary. Such plans, specifications, and schedules shall be submitted to the Secretary prior to commencement of site preparation, construction, or other performance under this grant agreement, and, upon approval of the Secretary, shall be incorporated into this grant agreement. Any modification to the approved plans, specifications, and schedules shall also be subject to approval of the Secretary, and incorporated into this grant agreement.

17. Construction Inspection and Approval.

It will provide and maintain competent technical supervision at the construction site throughout the project to assure that the work conforms to the plans, specifications, and schedules approved by the Secretary for the project. It shall subject the construction work on any project contained in an approved project application to inspection and approval by the Secretary and such work shall be in accordance with regulations and procedures prescribed by the Secretary. Such regulations and procedures shall require such cost and progress reporting by the sponsor or sponsors of such project as the Secretary shall deem necessary.

18. Planning Projects.

In carrying out planning projects:

- a. It will execute the project in accordance with the approved program narrative contained in the project application or with the modifications similarly approved.
- b. It will furnish the Secretary with such periodic reports as required pertaining to the planning project and planning work activities.
- c. It will include in all published material prepared in connection with the planning project a notice that the material was prepared under a grant provided by the United States.
- d. It will make such material available for examination by the public, and agrees that no material prepared with funds under this project shall be subject to copyright in the United States or any other country.

- e. It will give the Secretary unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute, and otherwise use any of the material prepared in connection with this grant.
- f. It will grant the Secretary the right to disapprove the sponsor's employment of specific consultants and their subcontractors to do all or any part of this project as well as the right to disapprove the proposed scope and cost of professional services.
- g. It will grant the Secretary the right to disapprove the use of the sponsor's employees to do all or any part of the project.
- h. It understands and agrees that the Secretary's approval of this project grant or the Secretary's approval of any planning material developed as part of this grant does not constitute or imply any assurance or commitment on the part of the Secretary to approve any pending or future application for a Federal airport grant.

19. Operation and Maintenance.

- a. The airport and all facilities which are necessary to serve the aeronautical users of the airport, other than facilities owned or controlled by the United States, shall be operated at all times in a safe and serviceable condition and in accordance with the minimum standards as may be required or prescribed by applicable Federal, state and local agencies for maintenance and operation. It will not cause or permit any activity or action thereon which would interfere with its use for airport purposes. It will suitably operate and maintain the airport and all facilities thereon or connected therewith, with due regard to climatic and flood conditions. Any proposal to temporarily close the airport for non-aeronautical purposes must first be approved by the Secretary. In furtherance of this assurance, the sponsor will have in effect arrangements for-
 - 1. Operating the airport's aeronautical facilities whenever required;
 - 2. Promptly marking and lighting hazards resulting from airport conditions, including temporary conditions; and
 - 3. Promptly notifying airmen of any condition affecting aeronautical use of the airport. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to require that the airport be operated for aeronautical use during temporary periods when snow, flood or other climatic conditions interfere with such operation and maintenance. Further, nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the maintenance, repair, restoration, or replacement of any structure or facility which is substantially damaged or destroyed due to an act of God or other condition or circumstance beyond the control of the sponsor.
- b. It will suitably operate and maintain noise compatibility program items that it owns or controls upon which Federal funds have been expended.

20. Hazard Removal and Mitigation.

It will take appropriate action to assure that such terminal airspace as is required to protect instrument and visual operations to the airport (including established minimum flight altitudes) will be adequately cleared and protected by removing, lowering, relocating, marking, or lighting or otherwise mitigating existing airport hazards and by preventing the establishment or creation of future airport hazards.

21. Compatible Land Use.

It will take appropriate action, to the extent reasonable, including the adoption of zoning laws, to restrict the use of land adjacent to or in the immediate vicinity of the airport to activities and

purposes compatible with normal airport operations, including landing and takeoff of aircraft. In addition, if the project is for noise compatibility program implementation, it will not cause or permit any change in land use, within its jurisdiction, that will reduce its compatibility, with respect to the airport, of the noise compatibility program measures upon which Federal funds have been expended.

22. Economic Nondiscrimination.

- a. It will make the airport available as an airport for public use on reasonable terms and without unjust discrimination to all types, kinds and classes of aeronautical activities, including commercial aeronautical activities offering services to the public at the airport.
- b. In any agreement, contract, lease, or other arrangement under which a right or privilege at the airport is granted to any person, firm, or corporation to conduct or to engage in any aeronautical activity for furnishing services to the public at the airport, the sponsor will insert and enforce provisions requiring the contractor to-
 - 1) furnish said services on a reasonable, and not unjustly discriminatory, basis to all users thereof, and
 - 2) charge reasonable, and not unjustly discriminatory, prices for each unit or service, provided that the contractor may be allowed to make reasonable and nondiscriminatory discounts, rebates, or other similar types of price reductions to volume purchasers.
- c. Each fixed-based operator at the airport shall be subject to the same rates, fees, rentals, and other charges as are uniformly applicable to all other fixed-based operators making the same or similar uses of such airport and utilizing the same or similar facilities.
- d. Each air carrier using such airport shall have the right to service itself or to use any fixed-based operator that is authorized or permitted by the airport to serve any air carrier at such airport.
- e. Each air carrier using such airport (whether as a tenant, non-tenant, or subtenant of another air carrier tenant) shall be subject to such nondiscriminatory and substantially comparable rules, regulations, conditions, rates, fees, rentals, and other charges with respect to facilities directly and substantially related to providing air transportation as are applicable to all such air carriers which make similar use of such airport and utilize similar facilities, subject to reasonable classifications such as tenants or non-tenants and signatory carriers and non-signatory carriers. Classification or status as tenant or signatory shall not be unreasonably withheld by any airport provided an air carrier assumes obligations substantially similar to those already imposed on air carriers in such classification or status.
- f. It will not exercise or grant any right or privilege which operates to prevent any person, firm, or corporation operating aircraft on the airport from performing any services on its own aircraft with its own employees [including, but not limited to maintenance, repair, and fueling] that it may choose to perform.
- g. In the event the sponsor itself exercises any of the rights and privileges referred to in this assurance, the services involved will be provided on the same conditions as would apply to the furnishing of such services by commercial aeronautical service providers authorized by the sponsor under these provisions.
- h. The sponsor may establish such reasonable, and not unjustly discriminatory, conditions to be met by all users of the airport as may be necessary for the safe and efficient operation of the airport.

- i. The sponsor may prohibit or limit any given type, kind or class of aeronautical use of the airport if such action is necessary for the safe operation of the airport or necessary to serve the civil aviation needs of the public.

23. Exclusive Rights.

It will permit no exclusive right for the use of the airport by any person providing, or intending to provide, aeronautical services to the public. For purposes of this paragraph, the providing of the services at an airport by a single fixed-based operator shall not be construed as an exclusive right if both of the following apply:

- a. It would be unreasonably costly, burdensome, or impractical for more than one fixed-based operator to provide such services, and
- b. If allowing more than one fixed-based operator to provide such services would require the reduction of space leased pursuant to an existing agreement between such single fixed-based operator and such airport. It further agrees that it will not, either directly or indirectly, grant or permit any person, firm, or corporation, the exclusive right at the airport to conduct any aeronautical activities, including, but not limited to charter flights, pilot training, aircraft rental and sightseeing, aerial photography, crop dusting, aerial advertising and surveying, air carrier operations, aircraft sales and services, sale of aviation petroleum products whether or not conducted in conjunction with other aeronautical activity, repair and maintenance of aircraft, sale of aircraft parts, and any other activities which because of their direct relationship to the operation of aircraft can be regarded as an aeronautical activity, and that it will terminate any exclusive right to conduct an aeronautical activity now existing at such an airport before the grant of any assistance under Title 49, United States Code.

24. Fee and Rental Structure.

It will maintain a fee and rental structure for the facilities and services at the airport which will make the airport as self-sustaining as possible under the circumstances existing at the particular airport, taking into account such factors as the volume of traffic and economy of collection. No part of the Federal share of an airport development, airport planning or noise compatibility project for which a grant is made under Title 49, United States Code, the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, the Federal Airport Act or the Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970 shall be included in the rate basis in establishing fees, rates, and charges for users of that airport.

25. Airport Revenues.

- a. All revenues generated by the airport and any local taxes on aviation fuel established after December 30, 1987, will be expended by it for the capital or operating costs of the airport; the local airport system; or other local facilities which are owned or operated by the owner or operator of the airport and which are directly and substantially related to the actual air transportation of passengers or property; or for noise mitigation purposes on or off the airport. The following exceptions apply to this paragraph:
 - 1. If covenants or assurances in debt obligations issued before September 3, 1982, by the owner or operator of the airport, or provisions enacted before September 3, 1982, in governing statutes controlling the owner or operator's financing, provide for the use of the revenues from any of the airport owner or operator's facilities, including the airport, to support not only the airport but also the airport owner or operator's general debt obligations or other facilities, then this limitation on the use of all revenues generated by the airport (and, in the case of a public airport, local taxes on aviation fuel) shall not apply.

Houston County Agenda Request Form

Date Submitted: September 1, 2021 **Board Date:** September 7, 2021

Person requesting appointment with County Board: Brian Pogodzinski

Issue:

The CRRSA Grant Agreement and Resolution are needed in order to receive CRRSA funding to cover 10% of the Culvert Lining project costs.

Attachments/Documentation for the Board's Review:

Copy of the grant agreement and resolution.

Justification:

This project has already been approved and let to Sub Surface Inc.

Action Requested:

Approval of both the grant agreement and resolution.

For County Use Only			
<u>Reviewed by:</u>	<u> </u> County Auditor <u> </u> Finance Director <u> </u> IS Director	<u> </u> County Attorney <u> </u> County Engineer <u> </u> Other (indicate dept)	<u> </u> Zoning Administrator <u> </u> Environmental Services
<u>Recommendation:</u>			
<u>Decision:</u>			

All agenda request forms must be submitted to the County Auditor by 4:00 p.m. on Monday in order to be considered for inclusion on the following week's agenda. The Board will review all requests and determine if the request will be heard at a County Board meeting.

RESOLUTION 21-40

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
GRANT AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL AIRPORT
EXPENSES REIMBURSEMENT

It is resolved by the County of Houston as follows:

1. That the state of Minnesota Agreement No. 1046656,
"Grant Agreement for Federal Airport Expenses Reimbursement," for
State Project No. A2801-C2 at the Houston County is accepted.
2. That the _____ and _____ are
(Title) (Title)
authorized to execute this Agreement and any amendments on behalf of the
County of Houston.

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF _____

I certify that the above Resolution is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the

(Name of the Recipient)

at an authorized meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 20____

as shown by the minutes of the meeting in my possession.

Signature: _____
(Clerk or Equivalent)

CORPORATE SEAL

/OR/

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____



STATE OF MINNESOTA
AGENCY AGREEMENT for
FEDERAL AIRPORT EXPENSES REIMBURSEMENT

This agreement is entered into by and between the County of Houston ("Local Government") and the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Transportation ("MnDOT").

RECITALS

1. Local Government has received an Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program ("ACRGP") Grant under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act ("CRRSA Act") (Public Law 116-260) directly from the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") to reimburse eligible airport expenses at Local Government's airport.
2. This agreement is not a subgrant of the ACRGP Grant funds. The FAA will be conducting oversight and monitoring the ACRGP Grant funding (see CRRSA FAQs for more information, at: <https://www.faa.gov/airports/crrsaa/media/ACRGP-FAQs-20210212.pdf>).
3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sections 360.016 and 360.039, subd. 2, the Local Government desires MnDOT to act as the Local Government's agent in accepting the federal funds on the Local Government's behalf and disbursing the federal funds to the Local Government for expenses at the airport.

AGREEMENT TERMS

1. Term of Agreement

- 1.1. Effective Date: This agreement will be effective on the date the MnDOT obtains all required signatures under Minn. Stat. §16C.05, Subd. 2.
- 1.2. Expiration Date: This agreement will expire on July 31, 2025.

2. Local Government's Duties

- 2.1. The Local Government designates MnDOT to act as its agent in accepting the federal funds on its behalf and disbursing the federal funds to the Local Government for airport expenses deemed allowable by the FAA under the CRRSA Act.
- 2.2. The Local Government will prepare reports, keep records, and perform work so as to meet federal requirements and to enable MnDOT to disburse the federal aid sought by the Local Government.
- 2.3. The Local Government will comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations. The Local Government will comply with all requirements and assurances in the ACRGP Grant, which is incorporated into this contract by reference.

3. MnDOT's Duties

- 3.1. MnDOT accepts designation as agent of the Local Government for the receipt of the federal funds and disbursement of the federal funds to the Local Government and will act in accordance herewith.
- 3.2. MnDOT will make the necessary requests to the FAA for authorization to disburse federal funds for airport expenses and for reimbursement of eligible costs under the CRRSA Act.
- 3.3. MnDOT may withhold federal funds where the FAA determines that airport expenditures were not made in compliance with federal requirements.

- 3.4. MnDOT, the FAA, or duly authorized representatives of the state and federal government will have the right to audit the work performed under this agreement. The Local Government will make available all books, records, and documents pertaining to the work hereunder, for a minimum of six years following the closing of the contract.

4. Payment

- 4.1. **Eligibility.** Eligible expenses under the act include costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, combating the spread of pathogens at the airport, and debt service payments. Eligible expenses will be determined by the Federal Aviation Administration. Eligible expenses will be determined in accordance with FAA's Policy and Procedures Concerning the Use of Airport Revenues, 64 Federal Register 7696 (64 FR 7696), as amended by 78 Federal Register 55330 (78 FR 55330), which is incorporated into this agreement by reference, and the CRRSA Act.
- 4.2. **Reimbursement.** Local Government has been awarded \$9,000 in Federal CRRSA Act funding to reimburse federally-eligible expenses at airport(s) it operates. Local Government will be reimbursed for 100% of federally-eligible expenses not reimbursed by any other source. The Local Government will pay any part of the cost or expense that is not paid by federal, state, or other funds. MnDOT will receive the federal funds to be paid by the FAA for eligible expenses and will reimburse the Local Government from said federal funds for each payment request, subject to the limits of those funds.
- 4.3. **Payment Requests.** The Local Government will prepare payment requests in accordance with the terms of the federal award.
- 4.3.1. In the event MnDOT does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature or other funding source, or funding cannot be continued at a sufficient level to allow for the processing of the federal aid reimbursement requests, the Local Government may work directly with FAA to receive the federal funds under the CRRSA Act grant pursuant to any terms and conditions imposed by FAA.
- 4.4. **Federal Funds.** Payments under this Agreement will be made from federal funds. The Local Government is responsible for compliance with all federal requirements imposed on these funds and accepts full financial responsibility for the Local Government's failure to comply with federal requirements. The Local Government agrees to pay any and all lawful claims arising out of or incidental to the performance of the work covered by this Agreement in the event the federal government does not pay the same.
- 4.5. **Closeout.** The Local Government must liquidate all obligations incurred under this Agreement and submit all financial, performance, and other reports as required by the terms of the Federal award. The FAA will determine whether a closeout audit is required prior to final payment approval. If a closeout audit is required, final payment will be held until the audit has been completed.
5. **Conditions of Payment.** Local Government's use of federal funds disbursed under this agreement must be in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. The Local Government will not receive reimbursement under this Agreement for expenses that are not eligible as described in Section 4.1 above.

6. Authorized Representatives

- 6.1. MnDOT's Authorized Representative is:

Name: Crystal Nickles, or her successor or designee.

Title: Grants Specialist

Email: crystal.nickles@state.mn.us

6.2. The Local Government's Authorized Representative is:

Name: Brian Pogodzinski

Title: County Engineer/Airport Manager

Email: brian.pogodzinski@co.houston.mn.us

If the Local Government's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this agreement, the Local Government will immediately notify MnDOT.

7. Assignment Amendments, Waiver, and Agreement Complete

- 7.1. **Assignment.** The Local Government may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this agreement without the prior written consent of MnDOT and a fully executed Assignment Agreement, executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved this agreement, or their successors in office.
- 7.2. **Amendments.** Any amendments to this agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original agreement, or their successors in office.
- 7.3. **Waiver.** If MnDOT fails to enforce any provision of this agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or MnDOT's right to subsequently enforce it.
- 7.4. **Agreement Complete.** This agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between MnDOT and the Local Government. No other understanding regarding this agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.
- 7.5. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof is found invalid or unenforceable to any extent, the remainder of the Agreement, including all material provisions and the application of such provisions, will not be affected and will be enforceable to the greatest extent permitted by the law.
- 7.6. **Electronic Records and Signatures.** The parties agree to contract by electronic means. This includes using electronic signatures and converting original documents to electronic records.

8. Liability and Claims

- 8.1. **Tort Liability.** Each party is responsible for its own acts and omissions and the results thereof to the extent authorized by law and will not be responsible for the acts and omissions of any others and the results thereof. The Minnesota Tort Claims Act, Minnesota Statutes Section 3.736, governs MnDOT liability. Minnesota Statutes Section 466.04 governs Local Government Liability.
- 8.2. **Claims.** The Local Government acknowledges that MnDOT is acting only as the Local Government's agent for acceptance and disbursement of federal funds, and not as a principal or co-principal with respect to this agreement. The Local Government will indemnify, defend (to the extent permitted by the Minnesota Attorney General), and hold MnDOT harmless from any and all lawful claims or costs arising out of or incidental to Local Government's acts or omissions under this agreement and any *ultra vires* acts, including reasonable attorney fees incurred by MnDOT.

9. Audits

- 9.1. Under Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, Subd.5, the Local Government's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Local Government, or other party relevant to this agreement or transaction, are subject to examination by MnDOT and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this agreement, receipt and approval of all final reports, or the required period of time to satisfy all state and program retention requirements, whichever is later. The Local Government will take timely and appropriate action on all deficiencies identified by an audit.

9.2. All requests for reimbursement are subject to audit by FAA or MnDOT.

10. **Government Data Practices.** The Local Government and MnDOT must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, as it applies to all data provided by MnDOT under this agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Local Government under this agreement.
11. **Workers Compensation.** The Local Government certifies that it is in compliance with [Minn. Stat. §176.181](#), Subd. 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Local Government's employees and agents will not be considered MnDOT employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of these employees and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees are in no way MnDOT's obligation or responsibility.
12. **Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue.** Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this agreement. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.
13. **Termination for Cause.** MnDOT may terminate this agreement if Local Government fails to observe or perform any of the terms, conditions, or covenants required to be observed or performed by it pursuant to this agreement and such failure continues for a period of 30 calendar days after MnDOT has given written notice to Local Government of such default or, in the event that such default shall be incapable of cure with reasonable diligence during said 30 day period, shall have failed to commence to cure said default within 30 days of the date of said notice and to diligently pursue the same to completion.
14. **Data Disclosure.** Under Minn. Stat. § 270C.65, Subd. 3, and other applicable law, the Local Government consents to disclosure of its federal employer tax identification number, and/or Minnesota tax identification number, already provided to MnDOT, to federal and state tax agencies and state personnel involved in the payment of state obligations. These identification numbers may be used in the enforcement of federal and state tax laws which could result in action requiring the Local Government to file state tax returns and pay delinquent state tax liabilities, if any.
15. **Fund Use Prohibited.** The Local Government will not utilize any funds received pursuant to this Agreement to compensate, either directly or indirectly, any contractor, corporation, partnership, or business, however organized, which is disqualified or debarred from entering into or receiving a federal or state contract. This restriction applies regardless of whether the disqualified or debarred party acts in the capacity of a general contractor, a subcontractor, or as an equipment or material supplier. This restriction does not prevent the Local Government from utilizing these funds to pay any party who might be disqualified or debarred after the Local Government's contract award on this agreement.
16. **Discrimination Prohibited by Minnesota Statutes §181.59.** The Local Government will comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes §181.59, if applicable, which requires that every contract for or on behalf of the State of Minnesota, or any county, city, town, township, school, school district or any other district in the state, for materials, supplies or construction will contain provisions by which Contractor agrees: 1) That, in the hiring of common or skilled labor for the performance of any work under any contract, or any subcontract, no Contractor, material supplier or vendor, will, by reason of race, creed or color, discriminate against the person or persons who are citizens of the United States or resident aliens who are qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates; 2) That no Contractor, material supplier, or vendor, will, in any manner, discriminate against, or intimidate, or prevent the employment of any person or persons identified in clause 1 of this section, or on being hired, prevent or conspire to prevent, the person or persons from the performance of work under any contract on account of race, creed or color; 3) That a violation of this section is a misdemeanor; and 4) That this contract may be canceled or terminated by the state of Minnesota, or any county, city, town, township, school, school district or any other person authorized to contracts for employment, and all money due, or to become due under the contract, may be forfeited for a second or any subsequent violation of the terms or conditions of this

Agreement.

- 17. Limitation.** Under this contract, MnDOT is only responsible for disbursing funds. Nothing in this contract will be construed to make MnDOT a principal, co-principal, partner, or joint venturer with respect to this agreement. MnDOT may provide technical advice and assistance as requested by the Local Government, however, the Local Government will remain responsible for all aspects of administering this agreement.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Government certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the contract on behalf of the Local Government as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions or ordinances

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION

The individual certifies funds have been encumbered as required by Minn. Stat. 16A.15 and 16C.05

By: _____

Date: _____

SWIFT Contract # _____

SWIFT Purchase Order # _____

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

By: _____

Date: _____

2. If the Secretary approves the sale of a privately owned airport to a public sponsor and provides funding for any portion of the public sponsor's acquisition of land, this limitation on the use of all revenues generated by the sale shall not apply to certain proceeds from the sale. This is conditioned on repayment to the Secretary by the private owner of an amount equal to the remaining unamortized portion (amortized over a 20-year period) of any airport improvement grant made to the private owner for any purpose other than land acquisition on or after October 1, 1996, plus an amount equal to the federal share of the current fair market value of any land acquired with an airport improvement grant made to that airport on or after October 1, 1996.
 3. Certain revenue derived from or generated by mineral extraction, production, lease, or other means at a general aviation airport (as defined at Section 47102 of title 49 United States Code), if the FAA determines the airport sponsor meets the requirements set forth in Sec. 813 of Public Law 112-95.
- b. As part of the annual audit required under the Single Audit Act of 1984, the sponsor will direct that the audit will review, and the resulting audit report will provide an opinion concerning, the use of airport revenue and taxes in paragraph (a), and indicating whether funds paid or transferred to the owner or operator are paid or transferred in a manner consistent with Title 49, United States Code and any other applicable provision of law, including any regulation promulgated by the Secretary or Administrator.
 - c. Any civil penalties or other sanctions will be imposed for violation of this assurance in accordance with the provisions of Section 47107 of Title 49, United States Code.

26. Reports and Inspections.

It will:

- a. submit to the Secretary such annual or special financial and operations reports as the Secretary may reasonably request and make such reports available to the public; make available to the public at reasonable times and places a report of the airport budget in a format prescribed by the Secretary;
- b. for airport development projects, make the airport and all airport records and documents affecting the airport, including deeds, leases, operation and use agreements, regulations and other instruments, available for inspection by any duly authorized agent of the Secretary upon reasonable request;
- c. for noise compatibility program projects, make records and documents relating to the project and continued compliance with the terms, conditions, and assurances of this grant agreement including deeds, leases, agreements, regulations, and other instruments, available for inspection by any duly authorized agent of the Secretary upon reasonable request; and
- d. in a format and time prescribed by the Secretary, provide to the Secretary and make available to the public following each of its fiscal years, an annual report listing in detail:
 1. all amounts paid by the airport to any other unit of government and the purposes for which each such payment was made; and
 2. all services and property provided by the airport to other units of government and the amount of compensation received for provision of each such service and property.

27. Use by Government Aircraft.

It will make available all of the facilities of the airport developed with Federal financial assistance and all those usable for landing and takeoff of aircraft to the United States for use by Government aircraft in common with other aircraft at all times without charge, except, if the use by Government aircraft is substantial, charge may be made for a reasonable share, proportional to such use, for the cost of operating and maintaining the facilities used. Unless otherwise determined by the Secretary, or otherwise agreed to by the sponsor and the using agency, substantial use of an airport by Government aircraft will be considered to exist when operations of such aircraft are in excess of those which, in the opinion of the Secretary, would unduly interfere with use of the landing areas by other authorized aircraft, or during any calendar month that –

- a. Five (5) or more Government aircraft are regularly based at the airport or on land adjacent thereto; or
- b. The total number of movements (counting each landing as a movement) of Government aircraft is 300 or more, or the gross accumulative weight of Government aircraft using the airport (the total movement of Government aircraft multiplied by gross weights of such aircraft) is in excess of five million pounds.

28. Land for Federal Facilities.

It will furnish without cost to the Federal Government for use in connection with any air traffic control or air navigation activities, or weather-reporting and communication activities related to air traffic control, any areas of land or water, or estate therein, or rights in buildings of the sponsor as the Secretary considers necessary or desirable for construction, operation, and maintenance at Federal expense of space or facilities for such purposes. Such areas or any portion thereof will be made available as provided herein within four months after receipt of a written request from the Secretary.

29. Airport Layout Plan.

- a. Subject to the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, Public Law 115-254, Section 163, it will keep up to date at all times an airport layout plan of the airport showing:
 1. Boundaries of the airport and all proposed additions thereto, together with the boundaries of all offsite areas owned or controlled by the sponsor for airport purposes and proposed additions thereto;
 2. The location and nature of all existing and proposed airport facilities and structures (such as runways, taxiways, aprons, terminal buildings, hangars and roads), including all proposed extensions and reductions of existing airport facilities;
 3. The location of all existing and proposed non-aviation areas and of all existing improvements thereon; and
 4. All proposed and existing access points used to taxi aircraft across the airport's property boundary. Such airport layout plans and each amendment, revision, or modification thereof, shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary which approval shall be evidenced by the signature of a duly authorized representative of the Secretary on the face of the airport layout plan. The sponsor will not make or permit any changes or alterations in the airport or any of its facilities which are not in conformity with the airport layout plan as approved by the Secretary and which might, in the opinion of the Secretary, adversely affect the safety, utility or efficiency of the airport.

- b. Subject to the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, Public Law 115-254, Section 163, if a change or alteration in the airport or the facilities is made which the Secretary determines adversely affects the safety, utility, or efficiency of any federally owned, leased, or funded property on or off the airport and which is not in conformity with the airport layout plan as approved by the Secretary, the owner or operator will, if requested, by the Secretary (1) eliminate such adverse effect in a manner approved by the Secretary; or (2) bear all costs of relocating such property (or replacement thereof) to a site acceptable to the Secretary and all costs of restoring such property (or replacement thereof) to the level of safety, utility, efficiency, and cost of operation existing before the unapproved change in the airport or its facilities except in the case of a relocation or replacement of an existing airport facility due to a change in the Secretary's design standards beyond the control of the airport sponsor.

30. Civil Rights.

It will promptly take any measures necessary to ensure that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in any activity conducted with, or benefiting from, funds received from this grant.

- a. Using the definitions of activity, facility and program as found and defined in §§ 21.23 (b) and 21.23 (e) of 49 CFR § 21, the sponsor will facilitate all programs, operate all facilities, or conduct all programs in compliance with all non-discrimination requirements imposed by, or pursuant to these assurances.
- b. Applicability
 - 1. Programs and Activities. If the sponsor has received a grant (or other federal assistance) for any of the sponsor's program or activities, these requirements extend to all of the sponsor's programs and activities.
 - 2. Facilities. Where it receives a grant or other federal financial assistance to construct, expand, renovate, remodel, alter or acquire a facility, or part of a facility, the assurance extends to the entire facility and facilities operated in connection therewith.
 - 3. Real Property. Where the sponsor receives a grant or other Federal financial assistance in the form of, or for the acquisition of real property or an interest in real property, the assurance will extend to rights to space on, over, or under such property.
- c. Duration.

The sponsor agrees that it is obligated to this assurance for the period during which Federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the Federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of, personal property, or real property, or interest therein, or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the assurance obligates the sponsor, or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:

 - 1. So long as the airport is used as an airport, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits; or
 - 2. So long as the sponsor retains ownership or possession of the property.
- d. Required Solicitation Language. It will include the following notification in all solicitations for bids, Requests For Proposals for work, or material under this grant agreement and in all proposals for agreements, including airport concessions, regardless of funding source:

"The (**County of Houston**), in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises and airport concession disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award."

e. Required Contract Provisions.

1. It will insert the non-discrimination contract clauses requiring compliance with the acts and regulations relative to non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the DOT, and incorporating the acts and regulations into the contracts by reference in every contract or agreement subject to the non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the DOT acts and regulations.
2. It will include a list of the pertinent non-discrimination authorities in every contract that is subject to the non-discrimination acts and regulations.
3. It will insert non-discrimination contract clauses as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States effecting or recording a transfer of real property, structures, use, or improvements thereon or interest therein to a sponsor.
4. It will insert non-discrimination contract clauses prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, age, or handicap as a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases, license, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the sponsor with other parties:
 - a. For the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program; and
 - b. For the construction or use of, or access to, space on, over, or under real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program.
- f. It will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the acts, the regulations, and this assurance.
- g. It agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the acts, the regulations, and this assurance.

31. Disposal of Land.

- a. For land purchased under a grant for airport noise compatibility purposes, including land serving as a noise buffer, it will dispose of the land, when the land is no longer needed for such purposes, at fair market value, at the earliest practicable time. That portion of the proceeds of such disposition which is proportionate to the United States' share of acquisition of such land will be, at the discretion of the Secretary, (1) reinvested in another project at the airport, or (2) transferred to another eligible airport as prescribed by the Secretary. The Secretary shall give preference to the following, in descending order, (1) reinvestment in an approved noise compatibility project, (2) reinvestment in an approved project that is eligible for grant funding under Section 47117(e) of title 49 United States Code, (3) reinvestment in an approved airport

development project that is eligible for grant funding under Sections 47114, 47115, or 47117 of title 49 United States Code, (4) transferred to an eligible sponsor of another public airport to be reinvested in an approved noise compatibility project at that airport, and (5) paid to the Secretary for deposit in the Airport and Airway Trust Fund. If land acquired under a grant for noise compatibility purposes is leased at fair market value and consistent with noise buffering purposes, the lease will not be considered a disposal of the land. Revenues derived from such a lease may be used for an approved airport development project that would otherwise be eligible for grant funding or any permitted use of airport revenue.

- b. For land purchased under a grant for airport development purposes (other than noise compatibility), it will, when the land is no longer needed for airport purposes, dispose of such land at fair market value or make available to the Secretary an amount equal to the United States' proportionate share of the fair market value of the land. That portion of the proceeds of such disposition which is proportionate to the United States' share of the cost of acquisition of such land will, (1) upon application to the Secretary, be reinvested or transferred to another eligible airport as prescribed by the Secretary. The Secretary shall give preference to the following, in descending order: (1) reinvestment in an approved noise compatibility project, (2) reinvestment in an approved project that is eligible for grant funding under Section 47117(e) of title 49 United States Code, (3) reinvestment in an approved airport development project that is eligible for grant funding under Sections 47114, 47115, or 47117 of title 49 United States Code, (4) transferred to an eligible sponsor of another public airport to be reinvested in an approved noise compatibility project at that airport, and (5) paid to the Secretary for deposit in the Airport and Airway Trust Fund.
- c. Land shall be considered to be needed for airport purposes under this assurance if (1) it may be needed for aeronautical purposes (including runway protection zones) or serve as noise buffer land, and (2) the revenue from interim uses of such land contributes to the financial self-sufficiency of the airport. Further, land purchased with a grant received by an airport operator or owner before December 31, 1987, will be considered to be needed for airport purposes if the Secretary or Federal agency making such grant before December 31, 1987, was notified by the operator or owner of the uses of such land, did not object to such use, and the land continues to be used for that purpose, such use having commenced no later than December 15, 1989.
- d. Disposition of such land under (a) (b) or (c) will be subject to the retention or reservation of any interest or right therein necessary to ensure that such land will only be used for purposes which are compatible with noise levels associated with operation of the airport.

32. Engineering and Design Services.

Engineering and Design Services. If any phase of such project has received Federal funds under Chapter 471 subchapter 1 of Title 49 U.S.C., it will award each contract, or sub-contract for program management, construction management, planning studies, feasibility studies, architectural services, preliminary engineering, design, engineering, surveying, mapping or related services in the same manner as a contract for architectural and engineering services is negotiated under Chapter 11 of Title 40 U. S. C., or an equivalent qualifications-based requirement prescribed for or by the sponsor of the airport.

33. Foreign Market Restrictions.

It will not allow funds provided under this grant to be used to fund any project which uses any product or service of a foreign country during the period in which such foreign country is listed by

the United States Trade Representative as denying fair and equitable market opportunities for products and suppliers of the United States in procurement and construction.

34. Policies, Standards, and Specifications.

It will carry out any project funded under an Airport Improvement Program Grant in accordance with policies, standards, and specifications approved by the Secretary including, but not limited to, current FAA Advisory Circulars for AIP projects as of June 28, 2021.

35. Relocation and Real Property Acquisition.

- a. It will be guided in acquiring real property, to the greatest extent practicable under State law, by the land acquisition policies in Subpart B of 49 CFR Part 24 and will pay or reimburse property owners for necessary expenses as specified in Subpart B.
- b. It will provide a relocation assistance program offering the services described in Subpart C and fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance to displaced persons as required in Subpart D and E of 49 CFR Part 24.
- c. It will make available within a reasonable period of time prior to displacement, comparable replacement dwellings to displaced persons in accordance with Subpart E of 49 CFR Part 24.

36. Access By Intercity Buses.

The airport owner or operator will permit, to the maximum extent practicable, intercity buses or other modes of transportation to have access to the airport; however, it has no obligation to fund special facilities for intercity buses or for other modes of transportation.

37. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

The sponsor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the award and performance of any DOT-assisted contract covered by 49 CFR Part 26, or in the award and performance of any concession activity contract covered by 49 CFR Part 23. In addition, the sponsor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the administration of its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) programs or the requirements of 49 CFR Parts 23 and 26. The sponsor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 CFR Parts 23 and 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts, and/or concession contracts. The sponsor's DBE and ACDBE programs, as required by 49 CFR Parts 26 and 23, and as approved by DOT, are incorporated by reference in this agreement. Implementation of these programs is a legal obligation and failure to carry out its terms shall be treated as a violation of this agreement. Upon notification to the sponsor of its failure to carry out its approved program, the Department may impose sanctions as provided for under Parts 26 and 23 and may, in appropriate cases, refer the matter for enforcement under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1936 (31 U.S.C. 3801).

38. Hangar Construction.

If the airport owner or operator and a person who owns an aircraft agree that a hangar is to be constructed at the airport for the aircraft at the aircraft owner's expense, the airport owner or operator will grant to the aircraft owner for the hangar a long term lease that is subject to such terms and conditions on the hangar as the airport owner or operator may impose.

39. Competitive Access.

- a. If the airport owner or operator of a medium or large hub airport (as defined in section 47102 of title 49, U.S.C.) has been unable to accommodate one or more requests by an air carrier for access to gates or other facilities at that airport in order to allow the air carrier to provide service to the airport or to expand service at the airport, the airport owner or operator shall transmit a report to the Secretary that-
 - 1. Describes the requests;
 - 2. Provides an explanation as to why the requests could not be accommodated; and
 - 3. Provides a time frame within which, if any, the airport will be able to accommodate the requests.
- b. Such report shall be due on either February 1 or August 1 of each year if the airport has been unable to accommodate the request(s) in the six month period prior to the applicable due date.

Current FAA Advisory Circulars Required for Use in AIP Funded and PFC Approved Projects

View the most current versions of FAA's Advisory Circulars (A/Cs) here:

https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/advisory_circulars/

Airports A/Cs are found in the 150 series. In addition Airspace A/Cs, found in the 70 series, also may apply for certain projects.

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OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 10/31/2019

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application		
* 2. Type of Application: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision		
* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): 18 c & d * Other (Specify): 10% CRSSA Match		
* 3. Date Received: [Redacted]		4. Applicant Identifier: CHU
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: 3-27-0016-009-2021		5b. Federal Award Identifier: [Redacted]
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: 03/10/2021		7. State Application Identifier: SP A2801-33
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: Houston County		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 41-6005804		* c. Organizational DUNS: 07-176-4690
d. Address:		
* Street1: 1124 East Washington Street		
Street2: [Redacted]		
* City: Caledonia		
County/Parish: Houston County		
* State: MN: Minnesota		
Province: [Redacted]		
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES		
* Zip / Postal Code: 55921		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Houston County Airport		Division Name: Public Works
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: [Redacted]		* First Name: Brian
Middle Name: [Redacted]		
* Last Name: Conklin		
Suffix: [Redacted]		
Title: South Region Airport Specialist		
Organizational Affiliation: Office of Aeronautics - MnDOT		
* Telephone Number: (651) 252-7658		Fax Number: [Redacted]
* Email: brian.conklin@state.mn.us		

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:		
<input type="text" value="B: County Government"/>		
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:		
<input type="text"/>		
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:		
<input type="text"/>		
* Other (specify):		
<input type="text"/>		
* 10. Name of Federal Agency:		
<input type="text" value="Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)"/>		
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:		
<input type="text" value="20.106"/>		
CFDA Title:		
<input type="text" value="Airport Improvement Program (AIP)"/>		
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:		
<input type="text"/>		
* Title:		
<input type="text"/>		
13. Competition Identification Number:		
<input type="text"/>		
Title:		
<input type="text"/>		
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/>
<input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>		
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:		
<input type="text" value="Runway Drainage Improvements"/>		
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.		
<input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/>	<input type="button" value="View Attachments"/>

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant	1st MN
* b. Program/Project	1st MN
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>
17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date:	06/01/2021
* b. End Date:	09/01/2022
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	70,200.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	7,801.00
* f. Program Income	
* g. TOTAL	78,001.00
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .	
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If "Yes", provide explanation and attach	
	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>
21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE	
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix:	
* First Name:	Ryan
Middle Name:	
* Last Name:	Gaug
Suffix:	ACIP
* Title:	Assistant Director - MnDOT Aeronautics
* Telephone Number:	(612) 422-8601
Fax Number:	
* Email:	ryan.gaug@state.mn.us
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	Ryan Gaug
Digitally signed by Ryan Gaug Date: 2021.06.28 14:25:19 -05'00'	
* Date Signed:	

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Certification and Disclosure Regarding Potential Conflicts of Interest Airport Improvement Program Sponsor Certification

Sponsor: Houston County

Airport: Houston County Airport

Project Number: 3-27-0016-010-2021

Description of Work: Runway Drainage Improvements

Application

Title 2 CFR § 200.112 and § 1201.112 address Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements for conflict of interest. As a condition of eligibility under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), sponsors must comply with FAA policy on conflict of interest. Such a conflict would arise when any of the following have a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award:

- a) The employee, officer or agent,
- b) Any member of his immediate family,
- c) His or her partner, or
- d) An organization which employs, or is about to employ, any of the above.

Selecting "Yes" represents sponsor or sub-recipient acknowledgement and confirmation of the certification statement. Selecting "No" represents sponsor or sub-recipient disclosure that it cannot fully comply with the certification statement. If "No" is selected, provide support information explaining the negative response as an attachment to this form. This includes whether the sponsor has established standards for financial interest that are not substantial or unsolicited gifts are of nominal value (2 CFR § 200.318(c)). The term "will" means Sponsor action taken at appropriate time based on the certification statement focus area, but no later than the end of the project period of performance.

Certification Statements

1. The sponsor or sub-recipient maintains a written standards of conduct governing conflict of interest and the performance of their employees engaged in the award and administration of contracts (2 CFR § 200.318(c)). To the extent permitted by state or local law or regulations, such standards of conduct provide for penalties, sanctions, or other disciplinary actions for violations of such standards by the sponsor's and sub-recipient's officers, employees, or agents, or by contractors or their agents.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

2. The sponsor's or sub-recipient's officers, employees or agents have not and will not solicit or accept gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to sub-agreements (2 CFR § 200.318(c)).

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

3. The sponsor or sub-recipient certifies that it has disclosed and will disclose to the FAA any known potential conflict of interest (2 CFR § 1200.112).

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Attach documentation clarifying any above item marked with "no" response.

Sponsor's Certification

I certify, for the project identified herein, responses to the foregoing items are accurate as marked and additional documentation for any item marked "no" is correct and complete.

Executed on this day of

Name of Sponsor: Houston County

Name of Sponsor's Authorized Official:

Title of Sponsor's Authorized Official:

Signature of Sponsor's Authorized Official:

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that knowingly and willfully providing false information to the federal government is a violation of 18 USC § 1001 (False Statements) and could subject me to fines, imprisonment, or both.

Construction Project Final Acceptance Airport Improvement Program Sponsor Certification

Sponsor: Houston County

Airport: Houston County Airport

Project Number: 3-27-0016-010-2021

Description of Work: Runway Drainage Improvements

Application

49 USC § 47105(d), authorizes the Secretary to require me certification from the sponsor that it will comply with the statutory and administrative requirements in carrying out a project under the Airport Improvement Program. General standards for final acceptance and close out of federally funded construction projects are in 2 CFR § 200.343 – Closeout and supplemented by FAA Order 5100.38. The sponsor must determine that project costs are accurate and proper in accordance with specific requirements of the grant agreement and contract documents.

Certification Statements

Except for certification statements below marked not applicable (N/A), this list includes major requirements of the construction project. Selecting “Yes” represents sponsor acknowledgment and confirmation of the certification statement. The term “will” means Sponsor action taken at appropriate time based on the certification statement focus area, but no later than the end of the project period of performance. This list is not comprehensive and does not relieve the sponsor from fully complying with all applicable statutory and administrative standards. The source of the requirement is referenced within parenthesis.

1. The personnel engaged in project administration, engineering supervision, project inspection, and acceptance testing were or will be determined to be qualified and competent to perform the work (Grant Assurance).
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
2. Construction records, including daily logs, were or will be kept by the resident engineer/construction inspector that fully document contractor's performance in complying with:
 - a. Technical standards (Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5370-12);
 - b. Contract requirements (2 CFR part 200 and FAA Order 5100.38); and
 - c. Construction safety and phasing plan measures (AC 150/5370-2).☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
3. All acceptance tests specified in the project specifications were or will be performed and documented. (AC 150/5370-12).
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

4. Sponsor has taken or will take appropriate corrective action for any test result outside of allowable tolerances (AC 150/5370-12).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
5. Pay reduction factors required by the specifications were applied or will be applied in computing final payments with a summary made available to the FAA (AC 150/5370-10).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
6. Sponsor has notified, or will promptly notify the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of the following occurrences:
- a. Violations of any federal requirements set forth or included by reference in the contract documents (2 CFR part 200);
 - b. Disputes or complaints concerning federal labor standards (29 CFR part 5); and
 - c. Violations of or complaints addressing conformance with Equal Employment Opportunity or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise requirements (41 CFR Chapter 60 and 49 CFR part 26).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
7. Weekly payroll records and statements of compliance were or will be submitted by the prime contractor and reviewed by the sponsor for conformance with federal labor and civil rights requirements as required by FAA and U.S. Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 5).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
8. Payments to the contractor were or will be made in conformance with federal requirements and contract provisions using sponsor internal controls that include:
- a. Retaining source documentation of payments and verifying contractor billing statements against actual performance (2 CFR § 200.302 and FAA Order 5100.38);
 - b. Prompt payment of subcontractors for satisfactory performance of work (49 CFR § 26.29);
 - c. Release of applicable retainage upon satisfactory performance of work (49 CFR § 26.29); and
 - d. Verification that payments to DBEs represent work the DBE performed by carrying out a commercially useful function (49 CFR § 26.55).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
9. A final project inspection was or will be conducted with representatives of the sponsor and the contractor present that ensure:
- a. Physical completion of project work in conformance with approved plans and specifications (Order 5100.38);
 - b. Necessary actions to correct punch list items identified during final inspection are complete (Order 5100.38); and
 - c. Preparation of a record of final inspection and distribution to parties to the contract (Order 5100.38);
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
10. The project was or will be accomplished without material deviations, changes, or modifications from approved plans and specifications, except as approved by the FAA (Order 5100.38).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

11. The construction of all buildings have complied or will comply with the seismic construction requirements of 49 CFR §41.120.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

12. For development projects, sponsor has taken or will take the following close-out actions:

a. Submit to the FAA a final test and quality assurance report summarizing acceptance test results, as applicable (Grant Condition);

b. Complete all environmental requirements as established within the project environmental determination (Order 5100.38); and

c. Prepare and retain as-built plans (Order 5100.38)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

13. Sponsor has revised or will revise their airport layout plan (ALP) that reflects improvements made and has submitted or will submit an updated ALP to the FAA no later than 90 days from the period of performance end date. (49 USC § 47107 and Order 5100.38).

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Attach documentation clarifying any above item marked with "No" response.

Sponsor's Certification

I certify, for the project identified herein, responses to the forgoing items are accurate as marked and additional documentation for any item marked "no" is correct and complete.

Executed on this day of

Name of Sponsor: Houston County

Name of Sponsor's Authorized Official:

Title of Sponsor's Authorized Official:

Signature of Sponsor's Authorized Official:

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that knowingly and willfully providing false information to the federal government is a violation of 18 USC § 1001 (False Statements) and could subject me to fines, imprisonment, or both.

Drug-Free Workplace Airport Improvement Program Sponsor Certification

Sponsor: Houston County

Airport: Houston County Airport

Project Number: 3-27-0016-010-2021

Description of Work: Runway Drainage Improvements

Application

49 USC § 47105(d) authorizes the Secretary to require certification from the sponsor that it will comply with the statutory and administrative requirements in carrying out a project under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). General requirements on the drug-free workplace within federal grant programs are described in 2 CFR part 182. Sponsors are required to certify they will be, or will continue to provide, a drug-free workplace in accordance with the regulation. The AIP project grant agreement contains specific assurances on the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988.

Certification Statements

Except for certification statements below marked as not applicable (N/A), this list includes major requirements of the construction project. Selecting "Yes" represents sponsor acknowledgement and confirmation of the certification statement. The term "will" means Sponsor action taken at appropriate time based on the certification statement focus area, but no later than the end of the project period of performance. This list is not comprehensive and does not relieve the sponsor from fully complying with all applicable statutory and administrative standards. The source of the requirement is referenced within parenthesis.

1. A statement has been or will be published prior to commencement of project notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the sponsor's workplace, and specifying the actions to be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition (2 CFR § 182.205).

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

2. An ongoing drug-free awareness program (2 CFR § 182.215) has been or will be established prior to commencement of project to inform employees about:

- a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- b. The sponsor's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
- c. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- d. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

3. Each employee to be engaged in the performance of the work has been or will be given a copy of the statement required within item 1 above prior to commencement of project (2 CFR § 182.210).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
4. Employees have been or will be notified in the statement required by item 1 above that, as a condition employment under the grant (2 CFR § 182.205(c)), the employee will:
- a. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- b. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction.
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
5. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will be notified in writing within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under item 4b above from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction (2 CFR § 182.225). Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title of the employee, to the FAA (2 CFR § 182.300).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
6. One of the following actions (2 CFR § 182.225(b)) will be taken within 30 calendar days of receiving a notice under item 4b above with respect to any employee who is so convicted:
- a. Take appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and
- b. Require such employee to participate satisfactorily in drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation programs approved for such purposes by a federal, state, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
7. A good faith effort will be made, on a continuous basis, to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of items 1 through 6 above (2 CFR § 182.200).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Site(s) of performance of work (2 CFR § 182.230):

Location 1

Name of Location:

Address:

Location 2 (if applicable)

Name of Location:

Address:

Location 3 (if applicable)

Name of Location:

Address:

Attach documentation clarifying any above item marked with a "No" response.

Sponsor's Certification

I certify, for the project identified herein, responses to the forgoing items are accurate as marked and additional documentation for any item marked "no" is correct and complete.

Executed on this day of

Name of Sponsor: Houston County

Name of Sponsor's Authorized Official:

Title of Sponsor's Authorized Official:

Signature of Sponsor's Authorized Official:

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that knowingly and willfully providing false information to the federal government is a violation of 18 USC § 1001 (False Statements) and could subject me to fines, imprisonment, or both.

Equipment and Construction Contracts Airport Improvement Sponsor Certification

Sponsor: Houston County

Airport: Houston County Airport

Project Number: 3-27-0016-010-2021

Description of Work: Runway Drainage Improvements

Application

49 USC § 47105(d) authorizes the Secretary to require certification from the sponsor that it will comply with the statutory and administrative requirements in carrying out a project under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). General procurement standards for equipment and construction contracts within Federal grant programs are described in 2 CFR §§ 200.317-200.326. Labor and Civil Rights Standards applicable to the AIP are established by the Department of Labor (www.dol.gov) AIP Grant Assurance C.1—General Federal Requirements identifies all applicable Federal Laws, regulations, executive orders, policies, guidelines and requirements for assistance under the AIP. Sponsors may use state and local procedures provided the procurement conforms to these federal standards.

This certification applies to all equipment and construction projects. Equipment projects may or may not employ laborers and mechanics that qualify the project as a “covered contract” under requirements established by the Department of Labor requirements. Sponsor shall provide appropriate responses to the certification statements that reflect the character of the project regardless of whether the contract is for a construction project or an equipment project.

Certification Statements

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1. A written code or standard of conduct is or will be in effect prior to commencement of the project that governs the performance of the sponsor’s officers, employees, or agents in soliciting, awarding and administering procurement contracts (2 CFR § 200.318).

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

2. For all contracts, qualified and competent personnel are or will be engaged to perform contract administration, engineering supervision, construction inspection, and testing (Grant Assurance C.17).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
3. Sponsors that are required to have a Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) program on file with the FAA have included or will include clauses required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and 49 CFR Part 26 for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in all contracts and subcontracts.
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
4. Sponsors required to have a DBE program on file with the FAA have implemented or will implement monitoring and enforcement measures that:
- a. Ensure work committed to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises at contract award is actually performed by the named DBEs (49 CFR §26.37(b));
 - b. Include written certification that the sponsor has reviewed contract records and has monitored work sites for performance by DBE firms (49 CFR § 26.37(b)); and
 - c. Provides for a running tally of payments made to DBE firms and a means for comparing actual attainments (i.e. payments) to original commitments (49 CFR § 26.37(c)).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
5. Sponsor procurement actions using the competitive sealed bid method (2 CFR § 200.320(c)). was or will be:
- a. Publicly advertised, allowing a sufficient response time to solicit an adequate number of interested contractors or vendors;
 - b. Prepared to include a complete, adequate and realistic specification that defines the items or services in sufficient detail to allow prospective bidders to respond;
 - c. Publicly opened at a time and place prescribed in the invitation for bids; and
 - d. Prepared in a manner that result in a firm fixed price contract award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
6. For projects the Sponsor proposes to use the competitive proposal procurement method (2 CFR § 200.320(d)), Sponsor has requested or will request FAA approval prior to proceeding with a competitive proposal procurement by submitting to the FAA the following:
- a. Written justification that supports use of competitive proposal method in lieu of the preferred sealed bid procurement method;
 - b. Plan for publicizing and soliciting an adequate number of qualified sources; and
 - c. Listing of evaluation factors along with relative importance of the factors.
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
7. For construction and equipment installation projects, the bid solicitation includes or will include the current federal wage rate schedule(s) for the appropriate type of work classifications (2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

8. Concurrence was or will be obtained from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) prior to contract award under any of the following circumstances (Order 5100.38D):

- a. Only one qualified person/firm submits a responsive bid;
- b. Award is to be made to other than the lowest responsible bidder; and
- c. Life cycle costing is a factor in selecting the lowest responsive bidder.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

9. All construction and equipment installation contracts contain or will contain provisions for:

- a. Access to Records (§ 200.336)
- b. Buy American Preferences (Title 49 U.S.C. § 50101)
- c. Civil Rights - General Provisions and Title VI Assurances(41 CFR part60)
- d. Federal Fair Labor Standards (29 U.S.C. § 201, etseq)
- e. Occupational Safety and Health Act requirements (20 CFR part1920)
- f. Seismic Safety – building construction (49 CFR part41)
- g. State Energy Conservation Requirements - as applicable(2 CFR part 200, Appendix II)
- h. U.S. Trade Restriction (49 CFR part30)
- i. Veterans Preference (49 USC § 47112(c))

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

10. All construction and equipment installation contracts exceeding \$2,000 contain or will contain the provisions established by:

- a. Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (29 CFR part5)
- b. Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (29 CFR parts 3 and 5)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

11. All construction and equipment installation contracts exceeding \$3,000 contain or will contain a contract provision that discourages distracted driving (E.O. 13513).

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

12. All contracts exceeding \$10,000 contain or will contain the following provisions as applicable:

- a. Construction and equipment installation projects - Applicable clauses from 41 CFR Part 60 for compliance with Executive Orders 11246 and 11375 on Equal Employment Opportunity;
- b. Construction and equipment installation - Contract Clause prohibiting segregated facilities in accordance with 41 CFR part 60-1.8;
- c. Requirement to maximize use of products containing recovered materials in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.322 and 40 CFR part 247; and
- d. Provisions that address termination for cause and termination for convenience (2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II).

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

13. All contracts and subcontracts exceeding \$25,000: Measures are in place or will be in place (e.g. checking the System for Award Management) that ensure contracts and subcontracts are not awarded to individuals or firms suspended, debarred, or excluded from participating in federally assisted projects (2 CFR parts 180 and 1200).

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

14. Contracts exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000) include or will include provisions, as applicable, that address the following:

- a. Construction and equipment installation contracts - a bid guarantee of 5%, a performance bond of 100%, and a payment bond of 100% (2 CFR §200.325);
- b. Construction and equipment installation contracts - requirements of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 USC 3701-3708, Sections 103 and 107);
- c. Restrictions on Lobbying and Influencing (2 CFR part 200, Appendix II);
- d. Conditions specifying administrative, contractual and legal remedies for instances where contractor or vendor violate or breach the terms and conditions of the contract (2 CFR §200, Appendix II); and
- e. All Contracts - Applicable standards and requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401-7671q), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1251-1387, and Executive Order 11738.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Attach documentation clarifying any above item marked with "No" response

Sponsor's Certification

I certify, for the project identified herein, responses to the forgoing items are accurate as marked and additional documentation for any item marked "no" is correct and complete.

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Project Plans and Specifications

Airport Improvement Program Sponsor Certification

Sponsor: Houston County

Airport: Houston County Airport

Project Number: 3-27-0016-010-2021

Description of Work: Runway Drainage Improvements

Application

49 USC § 47105(d) authorizes the Secretary to require certification from the sponsor that it will comply with the statutory and administrative requirements in carrying out a project under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). Labor and civil rights standards applicable to AIP are established by the Department of Labor (www.dol.gov/). AIP Grant Assurance C.1—General Federal Requirements identifies applicable federal laws, regulations, executive orders, policies, guidelines and requirements for assistance under AIP. A list of current advisory circulars with specific standards for procurement, design or construction of airports, and installation of equipment and facilities is referenced in standard airport sponsor Grant Assurance 34 contained in the grant agreement.

Certification Statements

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1. The plans and specifications were or will be prepared in accordance with applicable federal standards and requirements, so that no deviation or modification to standards set forth in the advisory circulars, or FAA-accepted state standard, is necessary other than those explicitly approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) (14 USC § 47105).
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
2. Specifications incorporate or will incorporate a clear and accurate description of the technical requirement for the material or product that does not contain limiting or proprietary features that unduly restrict competition (2 CFR §200.319).
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

3. The development that is included or will be included in the plans is depicted on the current airport layout plan as approved by the FAA (14 USC § 47107).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
4. Development and features that are ineligible or unallowable for AIP funding have been or will be omitted from the plans and specifications (FAA Order 5100.38, par. 3-43).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
5. The specification does not use or will not use "brand name" or equal to convey requirements unless sponsor requests and receives approval from the FAA to use brand name (FAA Order 5100.38, Table U-5).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
6. The specification does not impose or will not impose geographical preference in their procurement requirements (2 CFR § 200.319(b) and FAA Order 5100.38, Table U-5).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
7. The use of prequalified lists of individuals, firms or products include or will include sufficient qualified sources that ensure open and free competition and that does not preclude potential entities from qualifying during the solicitation period (2 CFR § 319(d)).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
8. Solicitations with bid alternates include or will include explicit information that establish a basis for award of contract that is free of arbitrary decisions by the sponsor (2 CFR § 200.319(a)(7)).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
9. Concurrence was or will be obtained from the FAA if Sponsor incorporates a value engineering clause into the contract (FAA Order 5100.38, par. 3-57).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
10. The plans and specifications incorporate or will incorporate applicable requirements and recommendations set forth in the federally approved environmental finding (49 USC § 47106(c)).
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
11. The design of all buildings comply or will comply with the seismic design requirements of 49 CFR § 41.120. (FAA Order 5100.38d, par. 3-92)
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
12. The project specification include or will include process control and acceptance tests required for the project by as per the applicable standard:
- a. Construction and installation as contained in Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5370-10.
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

b. Snow Removal Equipment as contained in AC 150/5220-20.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

c. Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) vehicles as contained in AC 150/5220-10.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

13. For construction activities within or near aircraft operational areas(AOA):

a. The Sponsor has or will prepare a construction safety and phasing plan (CSPP) conforming to Advisory Circular 150/5370-2.

b. Compliance with CSPP safety provisions has been or will be incorporated into the plans and specifications as a contractor requirement.

c. Sponsor will not initiate work until receiving FAA's concurrence with the CSPP (FAA Order 5100.38, Par. 5-29).

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

14. The project was or will be physically completed without federal participation in costs due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications that were foreseeable at the time of project design (49 USC §47110(b)(1) and FAA Order 5100.38d, par. 3-100).

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

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Date: September 2, 2021

To: Houston County Commissioners & Staff

From: Allison Wagner, Houston County EDA

RE: Project Keep Company Co-Working

Background:

Project Keep Company Co-Working, a shared space with professional resources for local businesses, will be an asset to Houston County. Oftentimes it can be hard for start-ups and small business owners to afford working space and justify expenses on technical support for things like advertising, technology needs, legal support, web design, and other services. Additionally, many small businesses have a limited need for full-time offices but would instead benefit from a common space in which to meet existing and prospective clients. With these things in mind, the proposed space and professional services provided through this project will be a valuable resource for local professionals to maintain and grow their businesses, both using the space as a resource and for those sharing their expertise through it. Keep Company Co-Working will provide direct services while also creating an environment for organic learning.

This project began in the summer of 2019, and was temporarily put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The La Crescent Chamber had an opportunity to expand its current space and offered to create a co-working space for entrepreneurs on weekdays from 9 am to 4:30 pm during their regular scheduled hours in part of their chamber building. This will be Houston County's only co-working space. The project aims to add value to the space by offering technical support to businesses within the space.

Action Required: A motion made by the Board of Commissioners approving the grant and agreement from the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) for project Keep Company Co-Working Space for \$10,000.



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August 30, 2021

**Allison Wagner
Houston County EDA
304 Marshall St S
Caledonia, MN 55921**

**Re: Grant #: FY22-8922
Project Title: Keep Company Co-Working**

Dear Allison,

Congratulations! On behalf of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), I am pleased to inform you that your request for funds in the amount of \$10,000 for your Keep Company Co-Working project has been approved.

Please review the enclosed Grant Commitment for the specific terms and/or conditions of this grant. If you agree with the terms and conditions of this grant, please sign and return it to our office within 30 days. We will release the funds on or around September 30, 2021 pending receipt of signed contract.

We are pleased to be a part of this effort and look forward to hearing from you as progress is made towards achieving your goals. We wish you success on your project. If you have any questions after reviewing the grant commitment, please contact me at 507-214-7040 or jenniferh@smifoundation.org.

Best Regards,

**Jennifer Heien
Grants Coordinator**

encl: Grant Commitment

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SOUTHERN MINNESOTA INITIATIVE FOUNDATION GRANT COMMITMENT

As a condition of your acceptance of \$10,000 from Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation for Keep Company Co-Working FY22-8922, Houston County Economic Development Authority (Grantee) agrees to abide by the following:

1. Tax-exempt Status: Grantee is either a government agency or political subdivision, or it is exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. If the Grantee is a government agency or political subdivision, a letter stating such has been delivered to Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. If the organization is described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, it has received an I.R.S. Determination Letter as to such effect and has delivered a copy of the Determination Letter to Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. The Grantee is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 501(a) because it is described in Section 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2) or 509(a)(3) of the Code. The Grantee's exemption has not been revoked, and to the best of the Grantee's knowledge, Grantee is not engaged in any transaction or activity including the activities contemplated by this Agreement that could cause its exemption under Section 501(c)(3) to be revoked and to the best of Grantee's knowledge, no such transaction or activity is presently contemplated or under consideration.

2. Use of Funds: Grantee shall use the funds from Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation only for the purposes outlined in the grant application and authorized written amendments on file in Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation office and noting conditions, if any, stated in the grant award letter, and shall repay any amounts not so used. If during the first year the project is discontinued for any reason, any equipment purchased with Foundation grant funds shall be refundable to Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. Funds shall not be used: (a) to carry on propaganda, or otherwise to attempt, to influence legislation (within the meaning of Section 4945(d)(1) of the Code; (b) to influence the outcome of any specific public election, or carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive (within the meaning of

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Section 4945(d)(1) of the Code; (c) to undertake any activity for any purpose other than one specified in Section 170(c)(2)(B) of the Code.

This grant will be paid out in one lump sum on or about September 30, 2021 pending receipt of signed contract.

3. Grant Amount and Period: The maximum amount the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation will disburse under this Agreement is \$10,000. Grantee shall perform this grant for the period September 1, 2021 – September 1, 2022. Disbursements under the grant are subject to compliance with the conditions of this Agreement.

4. Reporting Requirements: The Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation will evaluate the success of the Grantee's activities on the basis of the goals, objectives and impact indicators that were outlined in the grant application and on a number of specific indicators the Foundation is tracking on its grants.

Goal(s)

- ***Provide a valuable resource for local professionals in the town of La Crescent and Houston County to maintain and grow their businesses, both using the space as a resource and for those sharing their expertise through it***
- ***Bring business and technical service to entrepreneurs who otherwise may not be able to obtain or afford the services thus incentivizing individuals to be in Houston County, rather than to have to travel elsewhere for business advice***
- ***Increase awareness of technical services offered in Houston County***
- ***Provide new and growing businesses with much needed access to office space and equipment for free or very low cost so they can share their products and services with the community***
- ***Provide a space where entrepreneurs can deliver or receive pro bono business counseling and technical services, and come together with other business owners and clientele***
- ***Provide a space for business people and community members to connect, have meetings, and generate new ideas***

Objective(s)





- ***Purchase equipment needed within the space***
- ***Send out advertising goes for professionals interested in offering services out of co-working space in areas of advertising, technology, legal, and web design***
- ***Contract with businesses that offer technical support to provide services out of the space at set times each month***
- ***Each month contract a different business with the County to offer their services free of charge to other businesses within the space at set times***
- ***Open up co-working space so businesses can come in and use equipment and/or rent out equipment with a refundable deposit***

5. Periodic Reports: Grantee shall submit periodic reports as requested by Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation detailing the activities and progress in accomplishing the objectives of the project, all expenditures made for the project (administration and program) and project impact data. No substantial changes in budget expenditures may be made without the prior approval of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. Photos and other illustrative examples of program outcome are welcome and encouraged as report addendum. The schedule upon which reports will be due is as follows:

Final Report Due: November 1, 2022

Any grantee that does not submit a satisfactory interim or final report as specified in this commitment is not eligible to apply for additional grant funding for 12 months from the end of the grant period.

6. Final Report: Within 60 days following the close of the grant project, Grantee shall submit a final report to Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation explaining the accomplishments of the project, all expenditures made for the project (administration and program), and beneficiary data.

7. Publicity: To help the public gain awareness, both of your project and SMIF's work, we request that you recognize SMIF's contribution, where appropriate, on signage, brochures, web site or publicity you generate about your project. Logos, a press release template and other media suggestions and guidelines can be found at smifoundation.org/grantpublicity. Questions about developing





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public awareness of your grant should be directed to SMIF communications staff at 507-214-7022 or katieg@smifoundation.org.

In addition, SMIF regularly communicates with its many stakeholders and audiences about its grant activities. SMIF reserves the right to release the name of the grant recipient (organization and/or business name) and the details of the grant award in its public communications. This includes, but is not limited to, news releases, social media posts, public reports and content on the SMIF website. SMIF staff may also contact the grant recipient to obtain additional information about and/or photograph/videotape various aspects of your project for use in SMIF's communications tools.

8. Records: Grantee shall maintain complete records of receipts and expenditures of funds received from Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. Records of expenditures, as well as copies of reports submitted to Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, shall be kept for four years after the completion of the grant funds. The Grantee's books and records pertaining to the grant shall be available to Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation or its representatives for inspection and/or copying at all reasonable times.

9. Indemnification: Grantee shall hold Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation harmless against: a) any and all claims asserted against Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, its employees or agents by anyone other than the Grantee which arise in the transactions outlined in the grant; b) any and all losses, damages or deficiencies of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, its employees or agents, which result from misrepresentation or non-fulfillment of any part of this agreement.

10. Remedies: In addition to any other remedies Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation may have, the Grantee agrees that Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation may withhold or rescind grant funds or terminate its commitment to the Grantee if the Grantee fails to comply with the terms of this commitment.

11. Project Timelines: Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation retains the right to withdraw grant funds if the project does not begin within sixty (60) days of the agreed upon start date.

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This is a legal, binding contract.

Date

***Houston County
Economic Development Authority***

Title

Date

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August 26, 2021

Via U.S. Mail and Email

Samuel Jandt
306 South Marshall Street
Caledonia, MN 55921

**Re: SETTLEMENT - State of Minnesota, *et al.*, *ex rel.* Steven Kleiber v. Nelson
Auto Center, Inc. *et al.*
District Court File No.: 62-CV-19-876
Appellate Court Case No.: A20-0653**

Dear Mr. Jandt:

We represent Steven Kleiber. You are receiving this letter because you have been identified as the attorney for Houston County. As you may recall, Mr. Kleiber commenced the above titled *qui tam* action (the "Action") under the Minnesota False Claims Act ("MFCA") related to alleged overcharging by Nelson Auto Center, Inc. ("Nelson Auto") for police and emergency vehicles under state contract numbers 37669 and 83065 (the "Contracts"). Your client, Houston County, was one of the entities Mr. Kleiber asserted claims on behalf of in the Action.

Since commencement of the Action, Mr. Kleiber and Defendants have agreed to settle the Action for a total sum of \$1.1 million. A copy of the Proposed Mediated Settlement Agreement with Exhibits A-E (the "Settlement Agreement") is enclosed. The Settlement Agreement has been submitted to and approved by Judge Thomas A. Gilligan of the Ramsey County District Court. A copy of the District Court's Interim Order approving the Settlement Agreement is also enclosed.

Although set out in detail in the Settlement Agreement, you should be aware that the total amount of the settlement proceeds are to be distributed as follows:

1. \$478,131.50 to entities on whose behalf Mr. Kleiber pursued claims in the Action, such as Houston County;
2. \$200,980.50 to Mr. Kleiber as his distribution pursuant to § 15C.13 of the MFCA;
3. \$34,558.15 to Mr. Kleiber's attorneys, Fabyanske, Westra, Hart & Thomson, P.A. ("FWHT"), for costs incurred in the Action as provided for in § 15C.12 of the MFCA; and

4. \$386,329.85 to FWHT for attorneys' fees incurred in the Action as provided for in § 15C.12 of the MFCA.

Under the terms of the settlement agreement, the distribution amount each individual entity, such as Houston County, is entitled to is \$158.06 per vehicle purchased under the Contracts that Mr. Kleiber identified the respective entity was allegedly overcharged for. The per vehicle amount was determined by taking the total amount to be distributed to the entities (\$478,131.50) and dividing that by the number of vehicles purchased that Mr. Kleiber identified entities were allegedly overcharged on, 3,025.

Mr. Kleiber identified that Houston County was allegedly overcharged on 2 vehicle purchases under the Contracts. Thus, Houston County's distribution under the Settlement Agreement would be \$316.12. A complete calculation of the distribution amount for each entity Mr. Kleiber pursued claims on behalf of in the Action is attached as Exhibit B to the Settlement Agreement.

That being said, while Mr. Kleiber and Defendants have agreed to settle the action, and the District Court has approved their agreement, the terms of the settlement agreement and § 15C.05(a) of the MFCA require both the District Court *and* the Prosecuting Attorney (as defined by § 15C.01 of the MFCA) to consent to the settlement and dismissal of the Action and to provide their reasons for consenting in order for the settlement to be finalized.

To that end, after your review of the enclosed settlement documents and the District Court's Interim Order, we request that you indicate in writing whether your client, Houston County, approves the settlement and the reasons for consenting, or objects to the settlement and the reasons for such objection. To make this election simpler for each entity, the parties may make their respective elections by filling out the form on the following page and returning it by mail or email at the following addresses:

Mailing Address: Fabyanske, Westra, Hart & Thomson, P.A.
Attn: Mark R. Becker & Alexander B. Athmann
333 South Seventh Street, Suite 2600
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Bassford Remele, P.A.
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Of course, if Houston County wishes to submit its own written response, providing for either its approval or objection to the Settlement Agreement and its reasons for such election rather than submit the provided form, it is welcome to do so. You and Houston County should also be aware that under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, if Houston County does not submit an objection within 60 days after receiving this notice, Houston County will be deemed to have approved the settlement. Prior to the expiration of the 60 day period, if Houston County is unable to resolve its objection with Mr. Kleiber's counsel and Defendants' counsel, Houston County must file its objection in Ramsey County District Court, case number 62-CV-19-876.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, the Settlement Agreement, or the Action in general, please feel free to contact myself or my colleague Alex Athmann (aathmann@fwhtlaw.com).

Sincerely,



Mark R. Becker

MRB/

Encl.

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SETTLEMENT ELECTION FORM

☐ I, _____, Prosecuting Attorney for _____, approve the settlement and dismissal of the action titled State of Minnesota, *et al.*, *ex rel.* Steven Kleiber v. Nelson Auto Center, Inc. *et al.*, court file no. 62-CV-19-876, under the terms of the Proposed Mediated Settlement Agreement approved by the Ramsey County District Court in its Interim Order dated August 20, 2021 pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 15C.05(a). The reasons for my consent to the settlement and dismissal of the action, on behalf of Houston County, are as set forth in Exhibit D to the Proposed Mediated Settlement Agreement.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

☐ I, _____, Prosecuting Attorney for _____, object to the settlement and dismissal of the action titled State of Minnesota, *et al.*, *ex rel.* Steven Kleiber v. Nelson Auto Center, Inc. *et al.*, court file no. 62-CV-19-876, under the terms of the Proposed Mediated Settlement Agreement approved by the Ramsey County District Court in its Interim Order dated August 21, 2021 for the following reasons:

Date: _____ Signature: _____

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CASE TYPE: OTHER

State of Minnesota, *et al.*,
ex. rel. Steven Kleiber,

District Court File No. 62-CV-19-876

Judge Thomas A. Gilligan

Court of Appeals File No. A20-0653

Plaintiffs,

vs.

**INTERIM ORDER REGARDING PROPOSED
MEDIATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Nelson Auto Center, Inc., Brent Nelson,
Laurel Nelson, Gerald Worner, Melissa
Nelson (a/k/a Melissa Hull), Melissa Larson,
and Susan Kugler,

Defendants.

This matter came on hearing before the undersigned on August 16, 2021, upon Plaintiff Steven Kleiber's ("Mr. Kleiber"), as *qui tam* relator, and Defendants' joint motion for approval of a proposed mediated settlement agreement pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 15C.05(a) (the "Agreement"). Mr. Kleiber was represented by attorneys Mark Becker and Alex Athmann. Defendants Nelson Auto Center, Inc., Brent Nelson, Laurel Nelson, Melissa Nelson, Melissa Larson, and Susan Kugler were represented by attorney Jonathan Norrie. Defendant Gerald Worner was represented by attorney Michael Puklich.

Based on the files, records, and proceedings herein, and the arguments of counsel at the hearing, the Court makes the following interim order:

**FINDINGS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT AND CONSENTING
TO VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL OF THE ACTION**

Section 15C.05(a) of the Minnesota False Claims Act provides that an action may be voluntarily dismissed if this Court and the Prosecuting Attorneys provide written consent and the reasons for consenting. Accordingly, the undersigned provides the following statement of reasons for approving the Agreement and consenting to the voluntary dismissal of the action.

1. In this Action, Plaintiff, Steven Kleiber, as *qui tam* relator sought certain damages and recoveries under the Minnesota False Claims Act on claimed overcharges on 3,025 police vehicle transactions. Plaintiff's claims included a calculation of what Plaintiff described as additional amounts to be reimbursed in excess of the Total Bid Constant amount set forth in the applicable contracts. Plaintiff calculated the basic damage amount of \$586,947.01 for this portion of Plaintiff's claim. Thus, per car, the Plaintiff sought additional reimbursements of approximately \$194.03 per vehicle for the 3,025 transactions in question. Plaintiff also sought other recoveries under the terms of the Minnesota False Claims Act. Defendants disputed and denied Plaintiff's claims.

2. The Defendants and Plaintiff mediated the case and have reported that they have reached a settlement that takes into consideration the risks, rewards, and uncertainties of litigation, which settlement is conditioned on this Court consenting to dismissal of the Action as a result of the settlement.

3. Based on the complexity of the disputed facts, the novel issues presented in this Action, the parties' willingness to settle the matter, and the uncertainties of litigation, the court finds a settlement that affords a significant net recovery to the Public Entities reasonable and beneficial to the public interest.

4. The court finds that the Public Entities will receive additional reimbursements of \$478,131.50, which corresponds to a net rate of recovery of \$158.06 per car. The recovery for the Public Entities of nearly 81.5% of the basic damage of \$586,947.01 calculated by Plaintiff reasonable and beneficial to the public interest under the circumstances.

5. Because no Entities intervened in this Action, Plaintiff's distribution pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 15C.13 is to be not less than 25% and not more than 30% of any recovery of the civil penalty and damages or settlement. Plaintiff, Mr. Kleiber, substantially and significantly contributed to the conduct of the action, and the overall success of the claims he pursued in the Action.

6. After Mr. Kleiber first reported his knowledge to the authorities, Nelson Auto made initial reimbursements of more than \$800,000.00 to certain of the Entities based on certain audits performed by the Minnesota Department of Administration. The settlement will yield \$679,112.00 after accounting for attorneys' fees and costs to be shared between Plaintiff and the Public Entities. Accordingly, more than \$1,479,112.00 has been recovered net of attorneys' fees and costs.

7. Mr. Kleiber claims a right to distribution under Minn. Stat. § 15C.13 on only the additional amounts, not the total amount of recovery. The court finds Mr. Kleiber's approach reasonable. The settlement provides Mr. Kleiber a reasonable contribution of approximately 29.595% of the \$679,112.00 additional amounts recovered in this Action as a reward for his contributions. Thus, the Entities will receive 70.405% of the total recovery net of attorneys' fees and costs, or \$478,131.50, and Mr. Kleiber will receive \$200,980.50. The court finds this allocation reasonable.

8. As set forth in Minn. Stat. § 15C.12, the settlement provides for the payment of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. Plaintiff provided a detailed attorneys' fee affidavit showing

reasonable attorneys' fees of \$474,234.05. Based on the complexity of the case, the novel and difficult issues presented, the skill needed to perform the legal services, the amount of time devoted, the amounts involved, the results obtained, the experience, reputation, and skill of the attorneys, and the challenging nature of this case, as described in the fee affidavit, to which there was no objection, the court finds that the Plaintiff's attorneys fees of \$474,234.05 are reasonable. Making further reasonable adjustments to reasonably align the fees with the success for the Public Entities, the Agreement provides for attorneys' fees of \$386,329.85, or approximately 81.5%, which the court also finds to be reasonable. Based on Plaintiff's fee affidavit, the court finds Plaintiff's costs of \$34,558.15 to be reasonable.

Now, therefore, based upon these findings the Court makes the following:

ORDER

1. The Agreement is hereby approved by the Court on interim basis;
2. Upon issuance of this Order, Mr. Kleiber shall notify the Entities on whose behalf he asserted claims in this action as a *qui tam* relator of the settlement by providing the each of the Entities a letter in the form of Exhibit A ("Exhibit A") to the Agreement as well as a copy of this Order, which is incorporated into the Agreement as Exhibit D.
3. Following receipt of Exhibit A to the Agreement and this Order (receipt of which shall be deemed to have occurred within five (5) days of the deposit of such documents in the United States mail, postage pre-paid), an Entity and Prosecuting Attorney's written consent to dismissal and the reasons for consenting shall be deemed given under Minn. Stat. § 15C.05(a) if the Entity or its Prosecuting Attorney provides no timely written objection to the Agreement under the procedures specified in Exhibit A within 60 days of receipt of the same, or if the Entity provides

no timely written opt-out of the Agreement under the procedures specified in Exhibit A within 60 days of receipt of the same, or if the Entity affirmatively opts in.

4. If no Entity objects or opts-out of the Agreement within the 60-day period in accordance with the procedures set forth in Exhibit A, and the respective counsel for Mr. Kleiber and Defendants inform the Court of that fact in writing, the Court shall immediately enter an order finalizing approval of the Agreement and determining that all Entities and Prosecuting Attorneys have consented to the Agreement and provided reasons for consent under Minn. Stat. § 15C.05(a).

5. If an Entity objects to or opts-out of the Agreement and such objection or opt-out cannot be resolved by the parties and the Entity, a hearing before this Court to address any objections or opt-outs shall be held on November 15, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Dated: _____

By: _____

Gilligan, Thomas(Judge)
Aug 20 2021 1:09 PM

District Court Judge

ENCLOSURE LIST

Enclosed with this notice letter are the following:

1. A copy of the Ramsey County District Court Interim Order approving the Proposed Mediated Settlement agreement between *qui tam* relator Steven Kleiber and the Defendants in the State of Minnesota, et al., ex rel. Steven Kleiber v. Nelson Auto Center, Inc., et al. matter, Court File Number 62-CV-19-876; and
2. A flash drive containing a copy of the Proposed Mediated Settlement Agreement with Exhibits A-E.

If for any reason you have difficulty accessing the contents of the flash drive, please contact Alexander Athmann, attorney with the Fabyanske, Westra, Hart & Thomson firm, at:

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REC'D AUG 30 2021