

STATE OF LOUISIANA
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND DEVELOPMENT**

AGREEMENT

STATE PROJECT NO. H.009376
AIRFIELD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE I (DESIGN AND
CONSTRUCTION)
AND
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE II (CONSTRUCTION)
HAMMOND NORTHSORE REGIONAL AIRPORT
TANGIPAHOA PARISH

THIS AGREEMENT, made and executed in three (3) original copies on this _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, hereinafter referred to as "DOTD", and the **CITY OF HAMMOND**, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, responsible for all matters pertaining to the **HAMMOND NORTHSORE REGIONAL** Airport, hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor";

WITNESSETH: That;

WHEREAS, the Sponsor has requested funding assistance to finance certain improvements at the **HAMMOND NORTHSORE REGIONAL** Airport as described herein; and,

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, authorized the financing of the certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has granted approval of the project as listed in the **2011-2012 (#10GA) AND 2012-2013 (#10GA)** Aviation Needs and Project Priority Program; and

WHEREAS, reimbursement for project costs will not exceed the estimated project cost as approved by the legislature and allocated to the DOTD Aviation Program for the fiscal year in which the project was approved by the legislature, unless DOTD agrees to participate in the increase and additional funds become available; and

WHEREAS, DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the Sponsor provided certain requirements are adhered to as hereinafter provided:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual dependent covenants herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- 1.1 The improvement that is to be undertaken under this project will consist generally of remaining final design and construction.
- 1.2 The project numbers and title of this agreement will be used for identification purposes on all correspondence, plans, progress reports, invoices, et cetera, prepared in the performance of these services.

ARTICLE II - PROJECT RESPONSIBILITY

- 2.1 DOTD employees will not be required to supervise or perform such other services in connection with the development of this project except as specifically set forth herein; however, the Sponsor will assume full responsibility and Sponsorship for the project development and shall hold DOTD harmless in the event of any loss or damage of any kind incident to or occasioned by deeds undertaken in pursuance of this agreement.

ARTICLE III – CERTIFICATION AND COMPLIANCE

- 3.1 Sponsor certifies by the signing of this agreement that each phase of this project, as well as all documents associated with this project, will be completed in accordance with all applicable Federal and State guidelines and/or regulations. It is solely the responsibility of the Sponsor to certify the appropriate development, completion and authenticity of all work and documents required of the Sponsor throughout this project. Three (3) separate Sponsor Certifications incorporated by reference herein and attached to and made part of this agreement, shall be completed, signed and sent to DOTD after each specified phase of the project as indicated in the Certifications attached hereto.

- 3.2 DOTD does not provide certification of any document nor work performed and is not responsible for same in accordance with Article II as stated above.

ARTICLE IV – FUNDING

- 4.1 Except for services hereinafter specifically listed to be furnished at the expense of DOTD or the Sponsor if provided in this agreement under Article I, the cost of this project will be reimbursed to the sponsor with DOTD contributing an amount not to exceed **\$1,093,208.00**. Any other costs beyond **\$1,093,208.00** will be born solely by the sponsor, unless approved by DOTD after a written request is made by the sponsor in accordance with R.S. 2:806.A, 2:807.B and 2:810. **All such overages may not be approved until after the project is complete and at the end of the State's fiscal year, to determine if funds are available after all higher priorities have been considered.** The Sponsor, at its own expense, may incorporate items of work not eligible for DOTD participation into the construction contract if it so desires.

4.2 The continuation of this agreement is contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the Louisiana Legislature to fulfill the requirements of the contract. If the legislature fails to appropriate sufficient monies to provide for the continuation of the contract, or if such appropriation is reduced by the veto of the Governor or by any means provided in the appropriations act to prevent the total appropriation for the year from exceeding revenues for that year, or for any other lawful purpose, and the effect of such reduction is to provide insufficient monies for the continuation of the contract, the contract shall terminate on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds have not been appropriated.

ARTICLE V – TAXES

5.1 Sponsor agrees that the responsibility for payment of taxes, if any, from the funds received under this agreement, supplements and/or legislative appropriation shall be the Sponsor's obligation and shall be identified under Federal Tax Identification Number shown on the signature page.

ARTICLE VI - COST REIMBURSEMENTS

6.1 The Sponsor shall submit its request for reimbursement on the approved LADOTD-Aviation Division form titled LADOTD REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR AIRPORT PROGRAMS, and only for work that has been completed and for eligible expenses incurred that have been paid in full by the Sponsor. The request for reimbursement shall not exceed one (1) submittal per month; and shall be not less than the amount of \$250.00 (state share), except for the final Request for Reimbursement, which can be for any remaining amount.

6.2 The Sponsor shall maintain invoices and copies of the checks for invoice payments for reimbursement. Both the engineer and Sponsor shall certify that the completed work shown on each payment request is an accurate representation of the work accomplished during the estimated period and that the work substantially complies with the plans and specifications. All charges shall be subject to verification, adjustment, and/or settlement by DOTD's Program Manager and/or Audit Officer. The Sponsor shall withhold retainage in accordance with State Law (i.e., 10% up to \$500,000 and 5% thereafter).

6.3 The Sponsor acknowledges that DOTD will not participate in the cost of those items not constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications. In this event, the Sponsor will be obligated to assume full financial responsibility.

6.4 The Sponsor shall submit all final billings for all phases of work within three months after the final inspection of the project unless prior arrangements have been made with DOTD. Failure to submit these billings prior to the completion of this three-month period shall result in the project being closed on previously billed amounts and any unbilled cost shall be the responsibility of the Sponsor.

6.5 The Sponsor shall reimburse DOTD any and all amounts, which may be cited by DOTD due to the Sponsor's noncompliance with Federal/State laws and/or regulations. The cited amounts reimbursed by the Sponsor shall be returned to the Sponsor upon clearance of the

citation(s). Additionally, no new projects will be approved until such time as the cited amount is reimbursed to DOTD.

6.6 DOTD's participation in the project shall in no way be construed to make DOTD a party to the contract between the Sponsor and its consultant/contractor.

ARTICLE VII – COST RECORDS

7.1 The Sponsor and all others employed by it in connection with this project shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred relative to this project and shall keep such material available at their respective offices at all times during the contract period and for three years from the date of final payment for the project. Additionally, all such materials shall be available for inspection by DOTD, the Legislative Auditor, the FAA, or any authorized representative of the federal government under applicable state and federal regulations, at all reasonable times during the contract period and for three years from the date of final payment.

ARTICLE VIII – ENGINEERING

8.1 The Sponsor is responsible for assuring all necessary surveys, engineering reports, plans, specifications and cost estimates for the project are in accordance with the applicable FAA/DOTD requirements, and the sponsor shall submit one (1) copy of the executed Engineering Service Agreement to DOTD along with Sponsor Certification #1 which is incorporated by reference herein and attached to and made a part of this agreement.

ARTICLE IX – REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION

9.1 Real Property Acquisition is addressed in the Sponsor Certification #2 incorporated by reference herein and attached to and made a part of this agreement. This Sponsor Certification must be submitted to DOTD after real Property is acquired or leased, or a contract has been executed thereto.

9.2 If any funds covered by this agreement are to be used for the purchase of immovable property, the Sponsor shall have prepared a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment of the property. This assessment shall be prepared in accordance with the latest edition of ASTM E 1527, by an experienced environmental consultant qualified to perform the assessment. Any purchase agreement shall contain an agreement by the seller that it shall warrant and guarantee to the Sponsor that the property is free of all hazards identified by the environmental assessment as existing or suspected and this guarantee shall be a part of any act of sale for the immovable property. A copy of the environmental assessment and a certified copy of the purchase agreement, containing the warranty and/or guarantee, shall be provided to DOTD. Where land acquisition is a pre-requisite to construction, the Sponsor shall provide DOTD with proof of ownership prior to starting construction.

ARTICLE X - BID PROCESS

10.1 Construction projects shall be advertised in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes.

10.2 Sponsor shall solicit bids for the services, labor and materials needed to construct the project in accordance with the public bid laws of the State, including, but not limited to R.S. 38:2211, et seq., applicable to political subdivisions of the State. Sponsor shall also keep a procurement file relative to the necessary acquisition of services, labor and materials needed to complete the project. DOTD may request review of the documents at any time. Sponsor shall maintain copies of the three lowest bidders' proposal sheets and bid bonds. The Sponsor shall also maintain:

1. The bid tabulation, including engineer's estimate, verified by the Sponsor.
2. Contractor's Equal Employment Opportunity plan.
3. A statement of contractor's qualifications.
4. Proof of publication of the advertisement for bids.
5. A non-collusion affidavit.
6. The Sponsor's official action, recommending acceptance of the bid submitted by the lowest qualified bidder.

10.3 The award of a contract shall be made within 30 calendar days of the date specified for public opening of bids, unless extended by the Sponsor. The contract and bond shall be recorded in the Clerk of Court's office for the parish or parishes where the project is to be constructed.

10.4 Following the execution of the contract, the Sponsor shall send to DOTD one copy of the executed contract, and project's bid set specifications with the plans bound in the specifications book as an attachment on 11" x 17" fold-out paper. The Sponsor shall also maintain insurance certificates and proof of recordation of the original contract performance bond.

ARTICLE XI – CONSTRUCTION

11.1 The Sponsor shall provide technical administration and inspection including testing during the project construction. The Sponsor may utilize its consultant to provide these services through preparation of a supplemental agreement to the original ESA or may hire a third party to provide these services.

11.2 A pre-construction meeting shall be held at the airport within fifteen (15) working days after the DOTD/FAA has given approval to start construction. Construction contracts need not be signed prior to the pre-construction meeting, but must be signed prior to starting work. The Sponsor (or consultant) shall host the meeting and follow the current DOTD/FAA Pre-Construction Check-List. Within five (5) days following the meeting, copies of the Pre-Construction Check-List, along with minutes of the meeting, shall be sent to all parties requesting copies. Tenants shall be notified of the pre-construction meeting and status meetings. They shall also be notified in writing ten (10) working days prior to any planned runway/airport closures. Periodic inspections may be made by DOTD.

11.3 The Sponsor is responsible for maintaining project construction records in accordance with DOTD standards for a minimum of three (3) years. All construction directives, procedures, and documents of pay records shall be available for inspection by DOTD.

11.4 The project specifications shall be used as the basis for all construction. If there is an error or discrepancy in the specifications, the policies and procedures of FAA and/or DOTD shall be used to make corrections. A plan change shall be required, and the Sponsor may be liable for any additional cost. DOTD may participate in such eligible cost, only if funds are available. The ability of DOTD to participate in the financial cost increase may be reviewed after the project is complete and at the end of the State's fiscal year, to determine if funds are available.

ARTICLE XII – CIVIL RIGHTS

12.1 The Sponsor agrees that the project shall be developed in full, in accordance with the principles and intents contained in DOTD's latest Title VI Plan and that the same or closely related procedures providing for involvement of the Sponsor designated civil rights specialist in appropriate key stages of project development as identified in the aforementioned Title VI Plan, will be followed.

12.2 Further, the Sponsor agrees that its own employment policies and practices shall afford fair and nondiscriminatory employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment and that a viable affirmative action program is maintained in the interest of increasing employment opportunities for minorities, women and other disadvantaged persons. It is understood that the Sponsor, as a recipient of federal financial assistance under this agreement, is subject to monitoring and review of its civil rights activities by DOTD and agrees to cooperate with DOTD officials in the achievement of civil rights objectives prescribed in the agreement and in any contracts resulting herefrom.

ARTICLE XIII – DBE REQUIREMENTS

13.1 It is the policy of the U.S. Department of Transportation that small business firms owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged persons and other persons defined as eligible in Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26 (49 CFR 26) shall have maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds. Consequently, the requirements of 49 CFR 26 apply to this project.

13.2 The Sponsor or its contractor agrees to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) as defined in 49 CFR 26, have maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts and subcontracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds. The Sponsor or its contractor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps in accordance with 49 CFR 26 to ensure that such firms have maximum opportunity to compete for and perform contracts. The Sponsor or its contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the performance of this contract.