



Illinois Department of Transportation

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Mr. Stephen Andras
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Aurora, IL 60554

Mr. Andras,

The Illinois Department of Transportation's Airport Improvement Program (AIP) provides funding for projects at airports throughout the state to ensure the continuation of safe and efficient operations at these facilities and maximize opportunities for economic development in Illinois.

The project detailed herein was selected for your airport based on project requests submitted to the Department during the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) meetings. This program is based on Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding levels established in federal legislation. Federal legislation calls for a maximum 90% federal participation. As such, the state and local match will be 5% each for projects which are eligible for state funding. All other federal projects which are not eligible for state funds will require a minimum 10% local match.

Funding for the Illinois AIP is dependent upon receipt of Federal funds and legislative authorization of state appropriations. In addition, proposed development and land acquisition must be shown on an approved and current Airport Layout Plan and Exhibit "A" Property Line Map, have cleared environmental processing, and the land already acquired or have a signed purchase agreement. For projects seeking Federal Discretionary Funds these requirements must be completed, and evidence of completion provided to Aeronautics before a project can be considered for funding.

The Department and the Airport Sponsor hereby specifically agree that they shall pay the above defined percentages of all project costs. Airport sponsors shall be responsible to pay for all planning and design services at time of project letting and seek reimbursement within the project at the time of award. In addition, the GRANTEE shall pay such additional project costs which exceed the sum of the GRANTOR's funds and the Federal funds, as are herein committed for this Project. **In the event your project exceeds these budget totals, the Sponsor may elect to pay any additional project costs which exceed the total sum of state and federal funds as planned and programmed to complete the project. If additional funds are deemed necessary post award, an amendment to the Agency Agreement with the Department must be developed and approved by the Department and the FAA before any additional funding may be allocated.**

In the event the Illinois General Assembly fails to appropriate funds, or sufficient funds are otherwise not made available for these projects, the Airport Sponsor will be required to pay the state and local costs as itemized below. This will include any amount which exceeds the totals listed.

The Department has programmed the following project for your airport to be included in IDOT's FY 2024 Proposed AIP:

The project "**Acquire Snow Removal Equipment (SRE)**" will be funded as follows:

Federal BIL Funds	\$1,557,000
State Match	\$86,500
Local Match	\$86,500
<hr/> Total Project Cost	<hr/> \$1,730,000

If this project is seeking AIP Federal Discretionary Funds from the FAA until such time the funds are received by the Department this project is not guaranteed.

Each federal fiscal year the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Funding will be announced in December. As such if a project is programmed with BIL Funds, those funds will not be available until December of that year for eligible project use. Programmed BIL Funds are an estimate based upon the previous fiscal year funding for the airport. The FAA has said that BIL funds may vary in amounts slightly from year to year.

The Office of Intermodal Project Implementation (Aeronautics) letting schedule for construction projects must be strictly followed to ensure projects are advertised and brought to letting in an organized manner. The letting schedule allows for 30 weeks to develop a project from the date of the pre-design meeting to the letting.

To ensure eligibility of professional services for state and federal funding participation, you are required to satisfy the qualifications based selection process and enter into a retainer agreement, or professional services A/E agreement with the consultant of record selected for the project prior to any costs being incurred. This should take place prior to the project initiation/pre-design meeting. Aeronautics will facilitate this process, as well as the initial development and review of fees.

The project contained in this letter is officially programmed for development provided all state and federal requirements have been met. It is now the Airport Sponsor's responsibility to initiate the professional services phase of the project. Please contact Aeronautics, either directly or through your consultant, to schedule a project initiation meeting.

Please initiate this project within 12 months of the date of this letter or this project will no longer be considered programmed. Projects are initiated by scheduling a predesign meeting for design/construction projects or a project initiation meeting for planning and environmental projects.

Please contact Mr. Joe Staats, P.E. – Section Chief of Airport Design at 217.785.5746 to initiate this project. Projects are initiated by scheduling a predesign meeting for design/construction projects or a project initiation meeting for planning and environmental projects.

Please contact Mr. David Salgado, P.E. in Aeronautics at 217.524.1580 or me in the Office of Planning and Programming at 217.782.4118 if you have questions regarding this program letter.

Sincerely,

 BJ Murray /t.d.

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