

Geri Sams, Director  
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**RE: Reconstruction of Taxiway F – IFB #24-203**

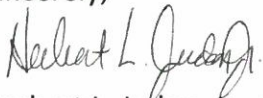
Dear Ms. Sams,

Please accept this attached justification letter from Mead & Hunt on behalf of Augusta Regional Airport regarding the Reconstruction of Taxiway F – IFB #24-203. The qualifying low bid has come in over budget but it is our position that there is justification to award this bid. The engineered estimate for this base bid preferred option was (\$6,656,659.90) while the qualifying low bid was (\$8,128,445.19) coming in at 22% higher than the engineer estimate. Due to volatile market conditions, the fact this is a rebid and the critical need for the rehabilitation to be completed by a compliance deadline, I respectfully request approval of this justification.

This project is proposed to be funded via a Federal Grant. The bid amounts have been sent to the FAA for review and we expect the additional cost to be covered via the grant.

If you have additional questions, please contact me at (706) 796-4040 or via email at [hjudon@augustaga.gov](mailto:hjudon@augustaga.gov).

Sincerely,



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Executive Director