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September 13, 2024

Mr. Kenneth Franks, State TIA Administrator  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
One Georgia Center, 600 West Peachtree NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308

Subject: Augusta Richmond County (Augusta Regional Airport) TIA Band 1 Project-  
PI0017628 – Airport Apron Expansion

Dear Mr. Franks:

The Augusta Regional Airport is requesting construction phase funding assistance to complete the subject listed project:

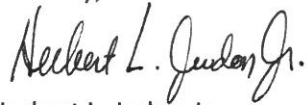
(1) – \$784,592 funds request. Funds are needed to cover the costs of unanticipated operational impacts, cost escalations, and construction methods.

**General detail:** the Airport apron expansion ties into an active runway and requires significant and detailed coordination with aircraft operations. Per federal safety regulations, we cannot conduct activities in the runway safety areas during active aircraft operations (the safety area extends 250 feet from the runway centerline). Therefore, the tie-in phase of this project required us to coordinate with our commercial airlines to adjust their schedules and operations. The original airline plan was to temporarily operate with a displaced threshold (which essentially constitutes a reduction in the length of the runway/landing and departure surface) to execute the tie-in work in the area adjacent to the runway. However, due to unforeseen airline operational and coordination issues, we were unable to proceed with this approach and our alternate course of action constitutes overnight work. The original contract duration was exceeded/extended due to the abovementioned issues which triggered subsequent adjustments to construction timeframes and commercial airline schedules. The nightwork is scheduled for an approximate 6-week period in October and November 2024; the commercial airlines have adjusted their schedules accordingly.

The major escalated costs incurred by the contractor includes additional mobilization, supplementary resources associated with the nightwork, and a modified Portland Cement Concrete specification. I have attached a document itemizing these costs.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Herbert L. Judon Jr." in a cursive script.

Herbert L. Judon Jr.

Executive Director, Augusta Regional Airport

cc: Malik Hameed