



**Public Services Committee Meeting**

Meeting Date: November 14, 2023

Augusta Regional Airport

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<b>Department:</b>	Augusta Regional Airport – Purchase of Towbarless Aircraft Tug
<b>Presenter:</b>	Herbert Judon
<b>Caption:</b>	Motion to Approve the purchase of one (1) Towbarless Aircraft Tug from JBT Lektro, Inc. for the amount of \$136,437.00. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission on October 26, 2023. ITB 23-202
<b>Background:</b>	A Towbarless Aircraft Tug provides a safer and more efficient way of moving aircraft. Due to the increase size of the average aircraft from 2011, compared to the present, the need to increase our towing capability has become an operational necessity. The last new unit was purchased in 2011 and had a towing capacity of 55,000 lbs. The current proposed unit will have a towing capacity of 120,000 lbs., which will provide the needed capacity to service almost every type of Business Jet that transitions though the Airport.
<b>Analysis:</b>	In collaboration with the Procurement Department, Invitation to bid #23-202 for a Towbarless Aircraft Tug was issued. One (1) responsive bid from JBT Lektro, Inc. was received.
<b>Financial Impact:</b>	The cost of the Towbarless Aircraft Tug is \$136,437.00. This purchase request was approved in the 2023 budget planning period.
<b>Alternatives:</b>	To deny.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Recommend Approval. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission on October 26, 2023.
<b>Funds are available in the following accounts:</b>	551081206-5421110
<b><u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u></b>	N/A