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## Central Services Department

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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Andy Penick, Director, Procurement Director

FROM:

Horace Green, Director, Central Services Director

DATE:

estember 18, 2025

**SUBJECT:** 

Request LOI to purchase one Ford F150 for the August Regional

**Airport** 

Central Services-Fleet Management requests LOI to purchase a 2025 Ford F150 for the Augusta Regional Airport, utilizing state contract #SWC 99999-001-SPD0000183-0002. The state contract holder, Akins Ford Dodge Chrysler, has confirmed availability of the truck on their dealer lot.

The Augusta Regional Airport representative will complete the agenda to obtain approval from Augusta Aviation and the Augusta GA Commissions. Once approved, Augusta Regional Airport will submit a requisition to secure the following purchase through GMA lease.

(1) 2025 Ford F150 – \$58,729.00

Please approve the LOI in total amount of \$58,729.00 to Akins Ford Dodge. Thank you for your assistance. Please contact Fleet Management with any questions or concerns.

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September 11, 2025

Andy Penick Augusta, Georgia Procurement Department 535 Telfair Street, Suite 605 Augusta, Georgia 30901

RE: New Vehicle Purchase- Airport Operations

Dear Mr. Penick,

Airport Operations is requesting a new vehicle purchase of a 2025 Ford F150 from Atkins Ford in Winder, GA. The order banks for ordering a new 2025 F150 have closed, and the order banks for 2026 purchases have not yet opened. Fleet Management has advised us that we could find one on a dealership lot that holds the state contract for the Ford F150s.

This vehicle will be replacing a 2011 Ford Expedition with 100,000+ miles on it. As expected with an older vehicle, it has quite a few recurring maintenance issues. The check engine light is constantly on, as well as the tire pressure sensor. The A/C has been patched and repaired for years, but still blows warm air during the summer months. The 4x4 option works intermittently. With rain and other weather events, this poses a risk of a vehicle being stuck, or airport operations not being able to do a full inspection of the perimeter fence, which is a regulatory requirement from the Federal Aviation Administration. The seats are torn in multiple places with the foam underneath showing. It is vital for Airport Operations to have clean, professional vehicles due to escorting airport guests and potential contractors on tours of the airfield for future development and projects.

This vehicle is included in the 2025 operations budget and is part of the GMA Lease program.

We are requesting your approval for this purchase. Upon your approval, this item will follow the proper channel with requesting approval from the Augusta Aviation Commission, followed by the Augusta Commission.

Sincerely,

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