

**MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
AIRPORT FEDERAL MATCHING GRANT AGREEMENT
Project No. AIG-3-28-0070-057-2025
Tupelo Regional Airport**

PART I - OFFER

TO: City of Tupelo, Mississippi and Tupelo Airport Authority
(hereinafter referred to as the RECIPIENT)

FROM: The Mississippi Transportation Commission
(hereinafter referred to as the COMMISSION)

WHEREAS, Title 61 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, authorizes the COMMISSION, subject to the limitations and conditions stated therein, to render financial aid in the acquisition, development, operation or maintenance of airports and to aid in the establishment, development, and maintenance of the civil air patrol program; and,

WHEREAS, The RECIPIENT submitted an Application for Federal Assistance (hereinafter referred to as Application) to the Federal Aviation Administration (hereinafter referred to as FAA) for federal financial assistance for development of the Tupelo Regional Airport (hereinafter referred to as Airport), and the FAA subsequently issued a Grant Offer of federal funds, dated July 8, 2025 for Airport Infrastructure Grant No. 3-28-0070-057-2025 (hereinafter referred to as Project) consisting of the following:

Air Traffic Control Tower Rehabilitation (Phase 2)

all as more particularly described in the plans and specifications for the Project which were approved by the FAA; and,

WHEREAS, the Application included a request to the COMMISSION for financial assistance in payment of the RECIPIENT'S five percent (5%) share of the Project costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, The COMMISSION hereby offers and agrees to pay as the COMMISSION'S share, **\$25,731.00**, of the eligible costs incurred in accomplishing the Project, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The maximum obligation of the COMMISSION payable under this offer shall be fifty (50%) of the RECIPIENT'S share of the final eligible Project costs.
2. The RECIPIENT shall:
 - a. expend an amount equal to, or greater than, two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the final Project costs.
 - b. carry out and complete the project by December 30, 2029, and in accordance with the approved plans and specifications or contracts for the project, incorporated herein by reference, and any revisions or modifications approved by the COMMISSION.

3. The RECIPIENT is obligated to pay the full 5% recipient share of any FAA Grant Amendments to increase the FAA funding participation in the Project.
4. Project payments pursuant to this Grant will be made for eligible costs documented by invoices for the work or services incurred in accomplishing the project within the period set forth in 2(b) above. Final payment will be made after final review and approval of the completed Project by the FAA and the COMMISSION and after all conditions relating to the Project have been satisfied.
5. The COMMISSION reserves the right to amend or withdraw this Offer at any time prior to its acceptance by the RECIPIENT.
6. The RECIPIENT shall establish and maintain financial records of the Project in accordance with applicable State audit requirements and will make them available to personnel of the COMMISSION upon request.
7. All terms, conditions, and assurances contained in the FAA Grant Agreement for the project are incorporated herein by reference.
8. The RECIPIENT shall carry out and complete (physical and financial) the project without undue delays and in accordance with the terms herein.
9. The RECIPIENT will comply with the E-Verify Program described in the attached Supplemental Condition and by executing the form in Attachment C.

The RECIPIENT'S acceptance of this Offer shall be evidenced by execution of this instrument by the RECIPIENT and said offer and acceptance shall comprise an Airport Development Agreement, as provided by the COMMISSION constituting the obligations and rights of the COMMISSION and the RECIPIENT with respect to the accomplishment of the Project. Such Airport Development Agreement shall become effective upon the RECIPIENT'S acceptance of this Offer.

The COMMISSION executes all its orders and directives through the personnel of the MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. All notices and correspondence with or to the COMMISSION pursuant to the Project identified in this Agreement shall be directed to the Director, Aeronautics Division, Mississippi Department of Transportation.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Mississippi. Any term or provision or portion thereof which violates the laws of the State of Mississippi, shall be null and void.

Witness this my signature in execution hereof this the ____ day of _____, 2025.

MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, BY
AND THROUGH THE DULY AUTHORIZED EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

Brad White, Executive Director

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PART II - ACCEPTANCE

The **City of Tupelo, Mississippi** does hereby accept said Offer and all terms and conditions contained therein.

Witness this my signature in execution hereof this the ____ day of _____, 2025.

City of Tupelo, Mississippi

Attest: _____

By: _____

(Title)

(Title)

The **Tupelo Airport Authority** does hereby accept said Offer and all terms and conditions contained therein.

Witness this my signature in execution hereof this the ____ day of _____, 2025.

Tupelo Airport Authority

Attest: _____

By: _____

(Title)

(Title)

SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS

Immigrant Status Certification/ E-Verify

The RECIPIENT represents and warrants that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act, **Section 71-11-1, et seq. of the Mississippi Code Annotated (Supp 2008)**, and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. The term "employee" as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State of Mississippi. As used herein, "status verification system" means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. The RECIPIENT agrees to maintain records of such compliance and, upon request of the State **and approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, where required**, to provide a copy of each such verification to the State. The RECIPIENT further represents and warrants that any person assigned to perform services hereunder meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws of the State of Mississippi. The RECIPIENT understands and agrees that any breach of these warranties may subject the RECIPIENT to the following: (a) termination of this GRANT and ineligibility for any State or public contract in Mississippi for up to three (3) years, with notice of such cancellation/termination being made public, or (b) the loss of any license, permit, certification or other document granted to the RECIPIENT by an agency, department or governmental entity for the right to do business in Mississippi for up to one (1) year, or (c) both. In the event of such termination/cancellation, the RECIPIENT would also be liable for any additional costs incurred by the State due to GRANT cancellation or loss of license or permit. **The RECIPIENT is required to provide the certification on Attachment "C" to this GRANT to the COMMISSION verifying that the RECIPIENT and SUB-RECIPIENTS (Contractors, Subcontractors, Consultants), if any, are registered and participating in E-Verify prior to execution of this GRANT.**

It is agreed by the parties that no person employed by the RECIPIENT pursuant to the provisions hereof will be considered an agent or employee of the COMMISSION or the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

It is further agreed by the parties that no provision of this GRANT is intended nor shall it be construed to give rise to a third party beneficiary claim on the person or entity not a party hereto.

ATTACHMENT C

CONSULTANT / CONTRACTOR EEV CERTIFICATION AND AGREEMENT

Tupelo Regional Airport

By executing this Certification and Agreement, the undersigned verifies its compliance with the "Mississippi Employment Protection Act," Section 71-11-1 et seq. Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and any rules or regulations promulgated by Mississippi Transportation Commission [MTC], Department of Employment Security, State Tax Commission, Secretary of State, Department of Human Services in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law (Section 25-43-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended), stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is contracting with MTC has registered with and is participating in a Federal work authorization program* operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to electronically verify information of newly hired employees pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-603, 100, Stat 3359, as amended. The undersigned agrees to inform the MTC if the undersigned is no longer registered or participating in the program.

The undersigned agrees that, should it employ or contract with any sub-consultant(s) and/or subcontractor(s) in connection with the performance of this GRANT, the undersigned will secure from such sub-consultant(s) and/or subcontractor(s) verification of compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act. The undersigned further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to MTC, if requested, for the benefit of the MTC or this GRANT.

EV* Company Identification Number [Required]

The undersigned certifies that the above information is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The undersigned acknowledges that any violation may be subject to the cancellation of the GRANT, ineligibility for any State or public contract for up to three (3) years, the loss of any license, permit, certificate or other document granted by any agency, department or government entity for the right to do business in Mississippi for up to one (1) year, or both, any and all additional costs incurred because of the GRANT cancellation or the loss of any license or permit, and may be subject to additional felony prosecution for knowingly or recklessly accepting employment for compensation from an unauthorized alien as defined by 8 U.S.C §1324a(h)(3), said action punishable by imprisonment for not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years, a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) nor more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, in addition to such prosecution and penalties as provided by Federal law.

BY: _____, Authorized Officer or Agent _____ Date

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent of
the RECIPIENT

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of
the RECIPIENT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: _____

* As of the effective date of the Mississippi Employment Protection Act, the applicable Federal work authorization program is E-Verify™ operated by the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Social Security Administration.