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Mr. Vericker,

For Fiscal Year 2017, the Illinois Department of Transportation's Proposed Airport Improvement Program includes projects at airports throughout the state to ensure continued safe and efficient operations at these facilities as well as maximizing opportunities for economic development in Illinois.

The following federally funded project(s) for your airport have been selected based on requests made to this office and are included in the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 Proposed Airport Improvement Program. This program is based on federal funding levels established in federal legislation which provide for a minimum of \$1 million in entitlement funds for primary airports as well as maximum of \$150,000 entitlement funds for non-primary airports. The federal legislation calls for a maximum 90% federal match. As such, the state and local match will be 5% each for all projects which are eligible for state funding. All other federal projects will require a minimum 10% local match.

This program is dependent on receipt of FFY 2017 federal grant funds and legislative authorization of state funding appropriations and release of funds by the Governor's office.

The Illinois Department of Transportation and the Airport Sponsor agree to participate in the above defined amounts in accordance with the percentages shown. In addition, the Airport Sponsor shall pay such additional project costs, which exceed the sum of the Department's funds and the Federal funds. In the event the Illinois General Assembly fails to appropriate funds or sufficient funds are otherwise not made available for these Projects, the Airport Sponsor will be required to pay the State and local costs as itemized below, including any amounts which exceed the totals listed.

The projects included in the program were selected from the many projects that were submitted as the result of the fall 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) meetings. Federal, state and local priorities weighed heavily in the selection process.

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The Illinois Department of Transportation, Office of Planning and Programming has programmed the following projects to be included in the FFY 2017 Proposed Airport Improvement Program for your airport.

The project "**Reconstruct and realign Taxiway E at the west end of the intersection with Runway 9-27**" will be funded as follows:

FFY-2017 Non-Primary Entitlement Funds	\$148,500
FFY-2017 Federal Non-Primary Discretionary Funds	\$748,890
State Match	\$49,855
<u>Local Match</u>	<u>\$49,855</u>
Total Cost	\$997,100

This project is seeking Federal Non-Primary Discretionary Funds from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and as such the project is not guaranteed

The Office of Intermodal Project Implementation (Aeronautics) maintains a letting schedule for construction projects that needs to be strictly followed to ensure that projects are advertised and brought to letting in an organized manner within the fiscal year in which they are programmed. The letting schedule allows for 30 weeks to develop a project from the date of the pre-design meeting to the letting.

To ensure that professional services effort is eligible for state and federal funding participation, you are required to enter into a professional services agreement with the consultant of record selected for the programmed project(s) prior to any professional services costs being incurred. This should take place as soon as possible, but definitely prior to the project initiation/pre-design meeting. The Office of Intermodal Project Implementation (Aeronautics) will assist in guiding you through that process and the initial development and review of fees.

The projects contained in this letter are officially programmed for development. This letter herewith constitutes the official "**Notice to Proceed**" for these projects. It is now the airport sponsor's responsibility to initiate the professional services phase of the project for your specific project type (planning development, equipment procurement, T-Hangar development, land acquisition or design plans and specifications development).

This is accomplished by contacting the Office of Intermodal Project Implementation (Aeronautics), either directly or through your consultant, to schedule a project initiation meeting. Where construction projects are programmed, you should contact the Office of Intermodal Project Implementation (Aeronautics) design engineer for your airport to initiate a pre-design meeting.

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Your Aeronautics Design Engineer is Alan Mlacnik, P.E. and he may be reached at 217-785-4884 to initiate this reimbursement project. Please initiate your project within one year of the date on this letter.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact BJ Murray at 217-782-4118.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Carmitchel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "B".

Bruce Carmitchel.
Bureau Chief of Planning