

Recommendation re: Florida Department of Transportation Grant to Expand the Fuel Farm at the Lakeland Linder International Airport

The Lakeland Linder International Airport (LLIA) has received a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to expand their fuel farm to support future growth and activity. The grant has been issued with a project cost of \$500,000 with 80% participation from the FDOT and LLIA providing for the remaining 20% of funds.

LLIA has three fuel farm locations onsite, all operated by the Airport's Fixed Base Operator (FBO) Sheltair Lakeland LLC. There are three tanks situated in the north side fuel farm, two tanks in the north self-serve area of the Airport and two tanks in the south side fuel farm. The combined capacity of the tanks are 57,000 gallons of Jet A and 39,000 gallons of Av Gas. Jet A fuel is used by aircraft with jet engines such as corporate or commercial aircraft while Av Gas is consumed by piston engines, typically the single or twin-engine prop planes.

With the current development of the NW Site on the Airport, the forecast is that the demand for Jet A fuel will increase significantly and the existing capacity will not be sufficient to support future growth. The lead time to design, bid, fabricate and install the tanks can take up to nine months to a year and the LLIA needs to be ready for any potential growth that may occur at the Airport.

Atkins North America Inc. (Tampa, FL), who is under a CCNA contract with the Airport, had designed the initial fuel farm which included expansion capability. Atkins proposes to provide the professional services to complete the design through bidding phase for the additional tanks in the south fuel farm, under Task Authorization #6, for a not-to-exceed cost of \$14,470.

It is recommended that the City Commission authorize the appropriate City officials to accept and execute the grant with FDOT to expand LLIA's fuel farm to support future growth and activity at a project cost of \$500,000 with FDOT participation of 80%.

It is also requested that the City Commission authorize an increase in estimated revenues of \$400,000 from FDOT, \$100,000 from the Internal Loan Fund, an appropriation of \$500,000, and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute Task Authorization #6 with Atkins North America Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$14,470 subject to FDOT approval.