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Ms. Lapondzia Jones
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Kansas City Aviation Department
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Re: Kansas City International Airport (MCI); Kansas City, MO
AIP No. 3-29-0040-077
Rehabilitate BRITE Electrical System

Subject: Sole Sourced ADB Product

Dear Ms. Jones:

As discussed we understand the purchase of the BRITE system at Kansas City International has to be a sole sourced purchase. This is required since MCI's airfield has ADB equipment for the existing Airfield Lighting Control and Monitoring System (ALCMS) and Master Light Controller (MLC) and the existing ADB Individual Lamp Control and Monitoring System is dated, requiring frequent repairs and is no longer supported by the manufacturer.

We understand the concern regarding sole sourced purchases. They can be prone to price gauging and non-competitive procurements. We believe these risks have been sufficiently mitigated since the equipment cost and material requirements have been assessed and reviewed for reasonability by Kansas City's engineering consultant, HNTB, inc. Also, the installation of this equipment has been competitively bid in accordance with the AIP handbook.

This procurement and installation have been determined to be eligible for AIP reimbursement within the potential future AIP grant for this project, grant number 3-29-0040-077-2020. The sole source procurement for this airfield lighting equipment is allowed per FAA Order 5100.38D, Change 1 (aka The AIP Handbook) Table U-10, item10 and Table 3-25, item b.

If you have any further questions on this matter please contact me at (816) 329-2629 or justin.collier@faa.gov.

Sincerely,

Justin Collier, P.E.
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