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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (DEA) AND NOTICE OF A PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE WORKSHOP & PUBLIC HEARING

The Greater Rockford Airport Authority, owner of the Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD), intends to submit to the Federal Aviation Administration a request for Federal funds to assist the Authority in constructing the following development items at RFD:

Northwest Air Cargo Development

Construct, light and mark northwest air cargo apron to accommodate up to 10 wide-body aircraft parking positions (Boeing 747-800 capable)

Construct proposed service and access roads

Construct proposed truck parking facilities

Grading, drainage and storm sewer improvements

Construct new detention area to accommodate additional impervious surfaces

Security and wildlife fencing modifications and installation

Midfield Air Cargo Development

Construct, light and mark partial parallel taxiway to Runway 7/25, connecting taxiways and taxi lane

Construct, light and mark midfield air cargo apron to accommodate up to 12 wide-body aircraft parking positions (Boeing 767/777 capable)

Construct new air cargo building (approximately 1 million square feet)

Construct new ground support equipment and maintenance (GSE) buildings, covered storage and equipment staging area

Construct, light and mark proposed truck dock and truck parking area (approximately 14 acres)

Construct, light and mark proposed employee parking lot (approximately 16 acres)

Construct new truck and employee entrance/access roads connecting to Beltline Road, including associated intersection improvements

Construct new service/access roads

Grading, drainage and utility extensions/improvements (water, storm sewer, sanitary sewer and electricity)

Construct new detention areas to accommodate additional impervious surfaces

Security and wildlife fencing modifications and installation

The DEA summarizes anticipated environmental effects of the Airport Development. Paper copies of the DEA are available for review at the following locations:

Greater Rockford Airport Authority Offices

60 Airport Drive

Rockford, IL 61109

Region 1 Planning Council

313 North Main Street

Rockford, IL 61101

City of Rockford

Community and Economic Development

425 East State Street, Second Floor

Rockford, IL 61104

Rockford Public Library

214 North Church Street

Rockford, IL 61101

Copies of the DEA are available for download at the following link: <https://www.flyrfd.com/EA>. A Public Information Open House Workshop and Public Hearing will be held concurrently at the Authority Auditorium at 60 Airport Drive, Rockford, IL, September 10, 2019, from 2PM to 7PM. Please note that the Workshop & Hearing are not being conducted in the Passenger Terminal. Free parking is available near the Authority Auditorium.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the **social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed developments and their consistency with the goals and objectives of area planning agencies.** Staff will be available to answer questions in the Workshop. No formal project presentations will be made there. Written materials provided at the Workshop & Hearing areas will be available in English. All Workshop and Hearing facilities are compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act. If special assistance is necessary, please contact Kathy Bruggeman, at (815) 969-4468. All special assistance requests must be received by August 27, 2019, 4PM Central.

In the Public Hearing area, a Hearing Officer and Court Reporter will receive verbal testimony. Written comments can be:

Given to the court reporter in the Public Hearing area;

Placed in Comment Boxes throughout the Workshop/Hearing area;

Sent via USPS using the pre-addressed Comments Sheets;

Faxed to the Airport at (815) 757-1515.

Emailed to EAComments@flyrfd.com

All DEA comments will be accepted, if post-marked by and/or received electronically by 5PM Central on September 20, 2019. All comments will be carefully reviewed and addressed in the Final EA.