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To: Indiana State Aviation System Plan (ISASP) Airports – 68 facilities

From: Indiana Department of Transportation – Office of Aviation

Subject: Program Guidance for State/Local Grant Program for Airport Maintenance

Purpose and Background:

The Indiana Department of Transportation – Office of Aviation is pleased to offer a new state/local airport maintenance program designed to help airports maintain existing pavement. This is an effort to effectively utilize funds within the INDOT Aviation Legal Fund with the intention of raising PCI values across the state. Maintenance is critical to extending the life cycle of the pavements that currently exist in our system. The state shall participate in this program at 75% and the local share shall be at least 25% of project costs. This program aligns with the goals of the airport development fund found in Indiana Code 8-21-11-5.

Funding Available:

State participation shall not exceed \$100,000 for any airport in any given year the program is offered. The program will be reimbursable after an eligibility review by the Office of Aviation staff through a pre-approval form.

Expenditures in any given year shall not exceed \$5 million dollars for the grant program. Each year, a new financial analysis will be completed to determine the feasibility of continuing the program.

- Program funding is dependent on Indiana State Budget Agency (SBA) transfer of funds to the Airport Development Fund. The INDOT-Office of Aviation will not be able to confirm transfer until mid-July 2026.

Eligibility:

Grants issued under this program shall be issued to airports included in the Indiana State Aviation System Plan (ISASP). A list of these airports is included in Attachment A of this document. The airport sponsor must own and retain maintenance responsibility of the land in which the improvement is taking place.

Program Duration/Timeline:

Pre-approval form – Accepted starting **6/1/26**

Applications – Accepted starting **7/15/26**

Application Deadline – **12/31/26**

Bidding Requirements:

All bidding must follow current Indiana Code requirements found under Indiana Code 36-1-12, Chapter 12 regarding Public Work Projects. These requirements are broken down into three different areas.

IC 36-1-12-4 – Bidding procedures for projects costing more than certain amounts. This section applies whenever the cost of a public work project is at least \$300,000. The sponsor must comply with numerous requirements outlined in this section.

IC 36-1-12-4.7 – Procedures for inviting quotes; applicable dollar amounts. This section applies whenever a public works project is estimated to cost at least \$50,000 and less than \$300,000. The sponsor must comply with the guidance in this section for projects under \$300,000.

IC 36-1-12-3 (d) – A board of aviation commissioners or an airport authority board may purchase or lease materials in the manner provided in IC 5-22 and perform any public work by means of its own workforce and owned or leased equipment, in the construction, maintenance, and repair of any airport roadway, runway, taxiway, or aircraft parking apron whenever the cost of that public work project is estimated to be less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).

Application/Review Process:

All forms for this grant program as well as the program guidelines can be found at the INDOT – Office of Aviation website at www.aviation.indot.in.gov.

Please submit the pre-approval form to the INDOT-Office of Aviation Engineer/Planner for your airport. The Engineer/Planner will review and respond with concurrence of eligibility of the project. This will occur before the application process to ensure the airport is moving forward with an approved proposal. After receiving the approval of the project proposal, please proceed with starting the bidding/quote process following the bidding requirements seen earlier in this document.

After the bidding/quote process, please submit the application to the Engineer/Planner of record for review and grant processing. The sponsor will be notified of the grant award and issued a purchase order and contract invoice voucher.

Eligible Items:

The Office of Aviation will reimburse the following items whether performed by a contractor or in-house. In-house eligible items will be reimbursed for material, equipment, and labor costs after proper review.

- Crack Sealant – narrow and wide

- Crack Repair
- HMA Sealcoat
- HMA Overlay/Milling
- Joint Sealing
- Spall Repair
- Patching
- Pavement Marking
- Pavement Cleaning
- Equipment purchases for any of the above
- Consultant/Administrative Fees up to 15% of total project cost

Eligible Areas:

The following areas will be eligible for the above items. Please coordinate with the Office of Aviation to verify eligibility through the pre-approval form.

- Paved Runways
- Paved Taxiways
- Paved Aprons
- Paved T-Hangar Taxilanes
- Paved Parking Lots*

*The intent of this program is to increase airside PCI values. Landside pavement will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Reimbursement Process:

Since this is a reimbursement grant program, please submit the payment documentation and invoices through BlackCat for reimbursement. Please also submit proof of payment and a summary of charges for each pay request submitted. This process will work similarly to our federal grant reimbursement process.

Eligible work for reimbursement must have started after **January 1, 2026**.

Exhibit A

Eligible Airports

Anderson
Angola/Steuben County
Auburn/DeKalb County
Bedford/Lawrence County
Bloomington/Monroe County
Brazil/Clay County
Columbus
Connersville
Crawfordsville
Delphi
Elkhart
Evansville/Vanderburgh County
Fort Wayne
Fort Wayne/Smith Field
Frankfort/Clinton County
French Lick
Gary/Chicago
Goshen
Greencastle/Putnam County
Greensburg
Greenwood/Indy South
Griffith/Merrillville
Grissom ARB
Huntingburg/Dubois County
Huntington
Indianapolis International
Indianapolis/Eagle Creek
Indianapolis/Executive/Hamilton County
Indianapolis/Hendricks
Indianapolis/Metropolitan
Indianapolis/Regional
Jeffersonville/Clark County
Kendallville
Kentland
Knox/Starke County
Kokomo
LaPorte
Lebanon/Boone County
Logansport/Cass County

Madison
Marion
Michigan City
Monticello/White County
Muncie/Delaware County
New Castle/Henry County
North Vernon
Paoli
Peru
Plymouth
Portland
Purdue University
Rensselaer/Jasper County
Richmond
Rochester/Fulton County
Salem
Seymour
Shelbyville
Sheridan
South Bend/Saint Joseph County
Sullivan
Tell City/Perry County
Terre Haute
Valparaiso/Porter County
Wabash
Warsaw
Washington/Daviess County
Winamac/Pulaski County
Winchester/Randolph County