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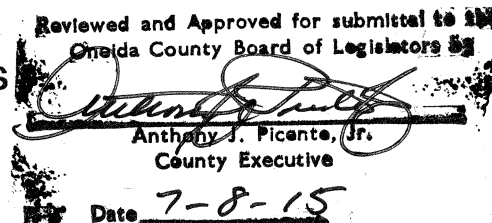
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July 7, 2015

AIRPORT

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
Oneida County Executive
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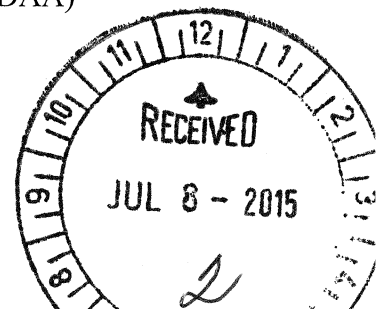


Dear Mr. Picente:

The Federal Aviation Administration, as required by the FAA Modernization and Reform ACT (FMRA) of 2012 has initiated a program to Support Safe Integration of UAS into the NAS. The FMRA also called for the establishment of six (6) FAA designated UAS Test Ranges. These Test Ranges were established for the purpose of research, development, and testing of unmanned aircraft systems to support integration of UAS into the National Airspace System (NAS). In conjunction with this program, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has a requirement to leverage the UAS Test Sites to research tasks into unmanned and autonomous flight technologies that will provide NASA a contracting vehicle to award individual Task Orders providing a wide range of services to support The NASA Armstrong Flight Research Facility.

NASA has contacted the six UAS test sites (the Test Sites) and advised us of a five (5) year competitive program to submit proposals in response to initiatives defined by NASA (Task Orders). The Task Orders will support NASA projects, while also supporting the FAA program of safe integration of UAS in the NAS.

The initial NASA Project is Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Traffic Management (UTM) and the second, is UAS Integration in the NAS (UAS-NAS). The UTM project calls for each Test Site to implement the NASA UTM system to demonstrate multi-vehicle operations and provides the opportunity for Test Site Teaming. The UAS-NAS project has two objectives. First, to develop a Live, Virtual, Constructive-Distributed Environment (LVC-DE) connection. The second objective of UAS-NAS is to implement the testing of Detect and Avoid (DAA) technologies that may enable operations in class D, E, and G airspace.



Each Task Order will constitute a separate contract opportunity with differing time frames for completion. NASA has alerted the Test Site operators that the response time allotted for response to their request for proposals on each Task Order will be extraordinarily short, as short as 24 to 72 hours. Further, as a condition to the submission of these proposals, they will need to be fully authorized by the County and binding on the County as submitted, when submitted. This, of course, would constitute a deviation from the normal course of contract practice and procedure as set forth in the Oneida County Charter and Code. Accordingly, I am requesting that you submit a request to the Oneida County Board of Legislators for an exception from the Charter and the Code.

In practice, this request will grant permission to you, as County Executive, to sign the proposals, as well as, any contracts between the County and our contractors necessary to complete the work for each separate Task Order. Additionally, you would be authorized to pay out any funds received pursuant to the proposals to those entities which submitted work, materials, services or other consideration in the process of preparing our submissions relative to the Task Orders.

If you should have any questions, or require anything further of me, please advise.

Sincerely,



Russell Stark
Commissioner
Oneida County Department of Aviation



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Dear Board Members:

On July 9, 2015, Oneida County will be partnering with NUAIR in answering a NASA Request for Proposal (RFP) to compete for funding from NASA for research dollars to aid in NUAIR research in Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). NASA has guaranteed a minimum of \$150,000 in funding for conducting research on its behalf, but the total amount of research dollars could be as much as five million dollars over the next five years.

Oneida County will also be entering into contracts with five other businesses such as Lucas, to help with the research. NASA is expected to announce the total awards based on the RFP's submitted by September 2, 2015. Once the final award is announced this legislation will have to be amended to reflect any changes.

This legislation will establish an account for the minimum guaranteed grant from NASA to allow Oneida County to start work immediately once the award is finally announced.

I therefore request your Board's approval to Fund the following 2015 budget item with the following 2015 supplemental appropriation:

TO:
AA# A5626.495 - UAS Test Site - NASA..... \$ 150,000.00

This supplemental appropriation will be fully supported by unanticipated revenue in:

RA# A4596 - Federal Aid - UAS - NASA..... \$ 150,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
County Executive

CC: County Attorney
Comptroller
Commissioner of Aviation
Budget Director

