

PORT AUTHORITY LETTERHEAD

December 4, 2019

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The Honorable Lyda Krewson
City of St. Louis
City Hall – Room 200
1200 Market Street
St. Louis, MO 63103

Dear Mayor Krewson:

As you are aware, the St. Louis County Port Authority (“SLCPA”) has prepared a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for a study to generally address the Lambert-St. Louis Airport from a regional perspective. A copy of that RFP is included with this letter.

The purpose of the RFP is not to intrude in the business of the City of St. Louis. But the Airport is located in St. Louis County and is a vital economic engine for the region, so any changes in its operational scheme will undoubtedly have some degree of impact on the County and its residents who rely on the Airport. Any study that is completed will be shared with you in the expectation that it might assist your decision-making process.

At our meeting on November 21, the issuance of the RFP was tabled until our December meeting in order to invite you or your representative to attend the meeting and discuss the current efforts of the City to institute some changes in the Airport operations. The majority of the SLCPA believed our issuance of the RFP without having first invited you to talk with us was premature and could be interpreted as confrontational. We want to be good neighbors.

Apparently, the City is exploring some degree of privatization. The SLCPA would like to hear what the plan is for the Airport going forward with respect to potential development in the County and your expectations for what this will mean for the passenger experience. Do you have any indication from the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) what their position might be to your proposal? Has the FAA given the City any assurances that proceeds from the sale or lease of the Airport can be used for general revenue purposes? Are you exploring options in addition to privatization? What is the timeframe for implementing your program? Has the City considered investigating other revenue streams that might result in regional governance and ownership of the Airport?

In a furtherance of what we hope can be a collaborative effort, is there anything we could add to our RFP to assist the City?

Our meeting is set for December 19, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the conference room of the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, 7733 Forsyth Boulevard, Suite 2200, Clayton, MO 63105. We will schedule your presentation as the first item on our agenda.

We welcome your participation. Any questions should be directed to Jacqueline Wellington at jwellington@ced-solutions.com.

Respectfully,

St. Louis County Port Authority

By: John W. Maupin, Chair