



Republic of Liberia
Liberia Airport Authority
James Spriggs Payne Airfield
Monrovia, Liberia



REQUEST FOR AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

BACKGROUND:

Roberts International Airport (RIA) is the principal international airport of the Republic of Liberia, and is located 35 miles from Monrovia. Built by the US Government in 1943, the airport was used to support US Air Force activities during World War II. After the war, the airport served as the principal hub for Pan American Airlines (Pan Am) in Africa. From the end of World War II to 1985, Pan Am managed the airport terminal, which was under contract with the Government of Liberia. The airport utilized both a main and ancillary terminal prior to the war, which were both damaged during the civil crisis. Additionally, RIA has an asphalt runway measuring 11,000 ft (3,353m), which is being used by international carriers. The runway is shortly to undergo full renovation commencing the latter part of this year.

Currently, RIA uses two of its ancillary terminals and its asphalt runway to service international carriers as well as the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL). UNMIL maintains a helicopter and airplane facility at the same airport. The current terminals have the capacity to handle 330 passengers every 30 minutes, and passenger numbers stand at 115,800 outbound and 112,500 inbound as of the last operational year. Given the current trajectory, total passenger numbers for RIA are projected to grow to at least 450,000 over the next few years. However, there is the potential for a further significant increase in both carrier and passenger numbers over this period as investments into Liberia continue to increase, particularly with the discovery of oil.

The Liberia Airport Authority (LAA) invites eligible international firms to submit Expressions of Interest to source funding and Build a new state-of-the-art Airport Facility, with the potential to become a key hub for air transport within West Africa. This should include cargo handling, storage and processing facilities, fuel supply terminals and parking garages to name a few. All facilities must meet relevant ICAO standards. The interested firm must submit a proposal that includes at a minimum, the following:

- Conceptual design of the proposed terminal and other ancillary facilities;
- Concept proposal of a modern hotel/conference center complex, that are representative of an Airport City;
- Technical proposal for an airline to use RIA as a hub
- Technical proposal for establishing a "free zone" manufacturing complex
- Timeline for the construction of the proposed facility;
- Outline for the Operation of the airport; and
- A Financial Analysis of the associated costs and suggested financing options

In addition, all interested firms should include within their Expression of Interest:

- General information on the firm, including main business, country/countries of establishment and operation, and duration of business activities;
- Technical capacities to design, construct, finance, maintain and/or operate a civil aviation airport. Interested bidders will need to demonstrate a sufficient level of experience to build, maintain and operate the airport and should have capabilities to design, construct and maintain an airport demonstrated by doing this for at least one airport of a similar size;
- The annual turnover of the firm should have exceeded US \$70 million in each of the last three financial years (the firm should supply audited financial statements for the previous three years);
- A signed statement by a duly authorized representative of the firm, to the effect that the firm is in sound financial order, is not bankrupt, nor having their affairs managed by a court, has not suspended its business, entered into an arrangement with its creditors or similar related situations that could call the financial standing of the institution into question; and
- An expressed or demonstrated willingness/commitment to ensure strong local content participation by designing a program that includes local procurement or linkages as an integral part of the proposal.

The firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Public Procurement and Concessions Commission Act of Liberia.

Firms may express their intentions singularly, or in a consortium with other firms. If the Expression of Interest is from a consortium of firms, information on each of the firms within the consortium is required. The lead firm of the consortium must be clearly stated. The nature of the consortium arrangement must be specified and accompanied by a consortium agreement or letter, signed by all participating firms. Proposed site visit must be made within two weeks from July 22, 2014. Deadline for submitting your responses is August 16, 2014. Please submit two electronic copies and/or two hard copies of your submittals.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered to the address below:

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