



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1947

1. Title of Project: SRQ A&P Mechanic School and Airline Maintenance Hangers

2. Senate Sponsor: Joe Gruters

3. Date of Submission: 02/05/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

One hangar will house a new school for airframe and powerplant (A&P) mechanics that would be operated by Manatee Technical College, and the other hangar would be a airline maintenance facility for Elite Airways. This unique combination would provide technical schooling for students, and create a pipeline of trained A&P mechanics that could go to work for Elite Airways. The average wage for an A&P mechanic is just over \$61,000.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency Contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,446,540
Total State Funds Requested	5,446,540

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,446,540	84.49%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	1,000,000	15.51%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	6,446,540	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		



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Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning	N/A	5,446,540
Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,446,540

11. Program Performance:

a. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?

One hangar will house a new school for Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) mechanics that would be operated by Manatee Technical College and the other hangar would be a airline maintenance facility for Elite Airways. This unique combination would provide technical schooling for students and create a pipeline of trained A&P mechanics that could go to work for Elite Airways. The average wage for an A&P mechanic is just over \$61,000. It will also bring additional airline service as the airline will need to bring more flights in for maintenance.

b. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

This will provide a facility for job training as well as a facility for aircraft maintenance that provides job opportunity for the graduates of the training facility next door.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Educational opportunity with the new Manatee Technical College facility which will provide job training and new job opportunities with the new airline maintenance facility.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

The entire Sarasota and Manatee County region. Approximately 1,000,000 people.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

The measurement would be in students graduating from the A&P school and their placement in jobs nationwide. According to Boeing Airlines Pilot and Technician Outlook 2018-2037 publication over 754,000 technicians will be needed.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

Standard contract penalties.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.



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The Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority

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- a. **Organization:** Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority
- b. **County:** Manatee
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify) Independent Special District
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