

CS/HB 1489

2011

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Sebring Airport Authority, Highlands
3 County; amending chapter 2005-300, Laws of Florida;
4 revising powers of the authority; providing that the
5 authority may acquire, lease as lessee or lessor,
6 construct, reconstruct, improve, extend, enlarge, equip,
7 repair, maintain, and operate commercial and industrial
8 facilities; providing that the authority may establish,
9 operate, and maintain foreign-trade zone status under the
10 alternative site framework in DeSoto, Glades, Hardee,
11 Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties and the Cities
12 of Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay; expanding the
13 power of the authority to purchase commodities or
14 contractual services; providing an effective date.

15
16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

17
18 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 3, subsections (5)
19 and (14) of section 6, and section 8 of section 3 of chapter
20 2005-300, Laws of Florida, are amended, and subsection (15) is
21 added to section 6 of section 3 of that chapter, to read:

22 Section 3.

23 (2) The Sebring Airport Authority is authorized to
24 exercise its powers over properties in addition to the Sebring
25 Regional Airport and Industrial Park so long as they are
26 exercised pursuant to contracts with other governmental entities
27 ~~for the operation and supervision of other airports, airfields,~~
28 ~~and related facilities.~~

29 Section 6. The Sebring Airport Authority is hereby
 30 authorized and empowered:

31 (5) To acquire, lease as lessee or lessor, construct,
 32 reconstruct, improve, extend, enlarge, equip, repair, maintain,
 33 and operate any airport and other ~~industrial~~ facilities,
 34 ~~(including tire and automobile testing and racing,)~~ and
 35 commercial and industrial facilities, which may be located on
 36 the property of the authority. Nothing in this act shall exempt
 37 the Sebring Airport Authority from the provisions of chapter
 38 333, Florida Statutes.

39 (14) To contract with other governmental entities to
 40 operate airports, airfields, ~~and other related facilities~~ and
 41 services, including providing all personnel, tools, equipment,
 42 supervision, and other materials and services required therefor.

43 (15) To establish, operate, and maintain foreign-trade
 44 zone status under the alternative site framework in DeSoto,
 45 Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties and
 46 the Cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay.

47 Section 8. (1) No contract for the construction, repair,
 48 or alteration of any facility or part of the same, or the
 49 purchase of equipment, services, or supplies involving an
 50 expenditure of more than \$10,000, shall be awarded by the
 51 authority unless the authority advertises for sealed bids at
 52 least once a week for 2 consecutive weeks and such contract is
 53 awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. However, the authority
 54 may reject all bids.

55 (2) The authority may purchase commodities or contractual
 56 services from the purchasing agreements of other special

CS/HB 1489

2011

57 districts, municipalities, or counties as provided in section
58 189.4221, Florida Statutes.

59 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.