

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

June 27, 2011

Mr. Benito De Leon Director Office of Airport Planning and Programming Federal Aviation Administration 800 Independence Avenue SW Washington, D.C. 20591

Re: Airline Competition Plan Update, Albuquerque International Sunport

Dear Mr. De Leon:

The City of Albuquerque is pleased to submit to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) the attached update to the Airline Competition Plan for the Albuquerque International Sunport (the Sunport). The update supplements our 2001 Competition Plan, as approved by the FAA on April 23, 2001; the 2002 update, as approved by the FAA on May 24, 2004; and the 2007 update, as approved by the FAA on January 23, 2007.

This 2011 update to our Competition Plan is submitted pursuant to the requirements of Section 155 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21) and presents the information required in the FAA's Program Guidance Letter (PGL) 04-08 dated September 30, 2004. This update is comprised of 2 attachments, Attachment A, describing leasing arrangements, financial constraints, and the capital improvement plan, and Attachment B, describing trends in air service, airfares, and airline competition. Cross-references are provided in Attachment A, pages A-8 to A-12, and Attachment B, page B-5, for ease of linking the plan contents to the requirements of PGL 04-08.

The City and airlines accounting for substantially all the passengers enplaned at the Airport entered into a new Airport-Airline Use and Lease Agreement effective July 1, 2011. The provisions of the new agreement are described in this 2011 update and are largely unchanged from the prior agreement effective July 1, 2006. A summary of changes in the new agreement is provided in Attachment A, page A-3.



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Described in this update are programs, policies, and initiatives evidencing the City's continuing commitment to enabling opportunities for airlines to provide competitive service and airfares to and from the Albuquerque International Sunport. While the provisions of the prior agreement are largely unchanged, the City has used the execution of the new agreement as an opportunity to review air service trends and formalize policies and procedures. Most provisions of prior plan updates remain unchanged. A summary of changes since the most recent update is provided in Attachment A, page A-5.

In addition to the City's longstanding objectives to encourage competitive air service at the Sunport, to provide gates and other terminal facilities needed to accommodate new air service, and to ensure that access is provided to all airlines on fair, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory terms, with this update the City is taking steps to increase transparency and public and airline access to information. In connection with this update and in support of new air service development efforts, the City is creating an airline competition page on the Sunport's website that will contain this update and any future updates, information regarding the availability of facilities and airline rates and charges, and contact information for the Competitive Access Liaison.

We look forward to your approval of the update. Please let me know if you have questions or require additional information.

Respectfully,

James D. Hinde

James D. Hinde, C.M. Director of Aviation

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