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Office of Airport Compliance
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The Honorable Lyda Krewson
Mayor of St. Louis
City Hall, Room 200
1200 Market Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103

Mr. Michael Garvin
St. Louis, City Counselor
1200 Market Street
City Hall, Room 314
St. Louis, Missouri 63103

Dear Mayor Krewson and Mr. Garvin:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has completed its initial assessment of the St. Louis Lambert International Airport (STL) preliminary application for participation in the Airport Privatization Pilot Program (APPP), FAA Docket Number FAA 2017-0325. The City of St. Louis (City) filed the preliminary application, with a filing date of March 22, 2017.

We are pleased to inform you that the preliminary application has been accepted for review under the terms and conditions of the statutory Pilot Program on Private Ownership of Airports and the FAA's Notice of Final Application Procedures (Notice). *See* title 49 United States Code, (U.S.C.) § 47134 and 62 Fed. Reg. 48693-48708 (Sept. 16, 1997), as modified by 62 Fed. Reg. 63211-63213 (Nov. 26, 1997). Our acceptance of this preliminary application for review is contingent on the City of St. Louis' continued compliance with the procedural requirements of title 49 U.S.C., § 47134 and the Notice.

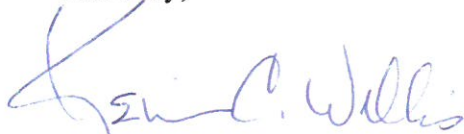
The City may proceed with the necessary steps to select a private operator, negotiate a lease agreement, and submit a final application to the FAA for exemption under title 49 U.S.C., § 47134. The final application, when submitted, must include a title search of all federally-obligated property, the authorized terms of the lease with required local approvals, all financial terms of the transaction, details regarding the qualifications of the private operator, and all the designated contents identified in the Notice. The City must maintain a reasonable, realistic timetable on file with the FAA and demonstrate progress toward completing the final application process. We understand from the preliminary application that the City will

need to amend its Charter or adopt an Ordinance to provide express authorization for the leasing of STL under the APPP. To assist the City in maintaining its proposed timetable, and to help ensure that the draft amendment to the Charter (or draft Ordinance) is consistent with the requirements of the APPP, we ask that the City provide the FAA with a draft of the Charter amendment (or draft Ordinance) within 45 days of receipt of this letter.

To provide additional assistance and guidance, we would like to meet at your convenience with you or senior members of your staff to discuss specific details of the application, including the proposed timetable.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 267-3085. Thank you for your interest in the Airport Privatization Pilot Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin C. Willis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Kevin C. Willis, Director
Office of Airport Compliance
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cc: Glen P. Wicks
Michael P. Fleming