



July 8, 2026

Lucas Ward, PE
Primary Airport Engineering Chief
WisDOT Bureau of Aeronautics
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Dear Mr. Ward

The Dane County Regional Airport (DCRA) is requesting a Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Airport Entitlement Grant (AIP) from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on the Master Plan and ALP Update project. We understand that a cost analysis is required for the services based on the AIP Handbook (Table 3-67) on eligible/future eligible elements. The following elements of the project are included:

Master Plan and ALP Update. The final project proposal presented by Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) proposed total fee of **\$5,819,500.00**. The eligible planning fee is as follows:

SEH:

Schedule A: **\$4,939,400.00**

The scope of work, overhead, and staff rates were reviewed by an Independent Fee Estimate (IFE) consultant, Dibble Corporation. Based on their evaluation, the proposed fee is considered fair and reasonable upon review.

Dibble:

Schedule A: **\$4,886,100.00**

No further negotiations took place for Schedule A.

Additionally, DCRA will be requesting future FAA grants for Schedule B1 and B2. Schedule B3 is FAA-ineligible. Based on the anticipated value of the A/E contract being greater than \$100,000, the IFE consultant incorporated the remaining schedules into their evaluation for the detailed fee/cost review.

Schedules B1, B2, and B3 were considered fair and reasonable upon review.

SEH:

Schedule B1: **\$326,100.00**

(Drainage Study - Future Stand-Alone Grant)

Dibble:

\$325,339.00

Schedule B2: **\$142,600.00**

(Runway 18/36 Soil Borings - Future Project Formulation)

\$153,300.00

Schedule B3: **411,400.00**

(Additional Tasks – Ineligible Planning Items)

\$430,400.00

No further negotiations took place for Schedule B1, B2, or B3.

The total project fee is presented below and within the industry standard 10% of each other.

Grand Total:

SEH:

\$5,819,500.00

Dibble:

\$5,795,139.00

Sincerely,

Ryan Falch, PE (WI)
Dane County Regional Airport
Director of Planning & Development