

Notice of Intent to Award a Sole Source Procurement

Notice is hereby given that the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (Authority) intends to award a sole source purchase order to Bullfrog Creek Mitigation Bank, LLC (Bullfrog) for mitigation credits due to the wetland impacts for tree trimming at Tampa Executive Airport (VDF) in the Tampa Bay Basin. The Authority intends to begin negotiations with Bullfrog on or about October 3, 2024.

The Authority has developed a plan which involves the cutting and removal of tree species within Runway Protection Zones (RPZ) and operation airspace at VDF as required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations. In the wetland areas, it has been decided that it would be in the best interest of the Authority to trim the trees down to the existing ground level. By cutting the trees down to ground level, the time between required trimmings will be greatly increased and the safety of the approaches will be improved. This removal of the forested component of the wetland will lower the quality of the wetland measured by the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM), which is how wetland quality is assessed in Florida. Tree trimming at VDF will require compensatory mitigation for wetland impacts.

VDF is located within the Tampa Bay Basin. There are three permitted mitigation banks within the Tampa Bay Basin located within Hillsborough County. Of those three, only Bullfrog has palustrine forested credits available within the Tampa Bay Basin and is located within the boundaries of Hillsborough County.

Companies who believe they can meet or exceed the above-stated requirements must provide, in writing, convincing technical data sufficient to support their position. Responses to this notice will be used to determine whether bona fide competition exists. Send written responses to the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, Tampa International Airport, P.O. Box 22287, Tampa, Florida 33622, Attention: Brent Sargent, Procurement Agent. For further information email bsargent@TampaAirport.com. Responses must be received by October 2, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. ET.