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Mr. Don Elliott  
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Dear Mr. Elliott:

Following, for your information, are the federally funded projects for your airport that are included in the Illinois Department of Transportation's Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012 Proposed Airport Improvement Program. This program is based on federal funding levels established in FFY 2011 which provide for a minimum of \$1 million in entitlement funds for primary airports as well as \$150,000 entitlements for general aviation airports.

At this time, there is not a bill for FFY 2012 federal funding. Federal legislation could possibly change the levels of G.A. entitlement as well as change the federal match percentage. This program assumes that both will be the same as in FFY 2011. If there are changes in these, we may need to redo the program. The program that we are sending out now assumes that the \$150,000 will be available to eligible non-primary airports. It is not clear now when there will be a final federal bill. Should it become necessary for us to revise your program, we will notify you as soon as possible.

The projects included in the program were selected from the many projects that were submitted as the result of the fall 2010 TIPS meetings. Federal, state and local priorities weighed heavily in the selection process.

The FFY 2011 and prior program contains the following federal projects for your airport:

Construct electrical vault in preparation for the new electrical equipment associated with the runway extension and overall expansion of the airport	Entitlement	\$276,908
	State Apportionment	\$31,842
	Discretionary	\$0
	State Match	\$8,125
	Local Match	\$8,125
	Total	<u>\$325,000</u>

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We will carry over \$148,500 which is the balance of your FFY 2007 through FFY 2012 general aviation entitlement to FFY 2012. If you elect to use these funds prior to that, please inform us and we will revise the program accordingly.

The projects contained in this letter are officially programmed for development. This letter herewith constitutes the official "notice to proceed" for these projects. It is now the airport sponsor's responsibility to initiate the professional services phase of the project for your specific project type (planning development, equipment procurement, T-hangar development, land acquisition or design plans and specifications development). This is accomplished by contacting the Division of Aeronautics, either directly or through your consultant, to schedule a project kick-off meeting. Where construction projects are programmed, you should contact the Division of Aeronautics' design engineer for your airport to initiate a pre-design meeting.

The Division of Aeronautics maintains a letting schedule for construction projects that needs to be strictly followed to ensure that projects are advertised and brought to letting in an organized manner within the fiscal year in which they are programmed. The schedule allows for 30 weeks to develop a project from the date of the pre-design meeting to the letting.

As you may be aware, beginning in FFY 2004, the Federal Aviation Administration has increased the maximum share of federally funded projects from 90 percent to 95 percent. As a result, the state and local match of these projects has been reduced from 5 percent to 2.5 percent through FFY 2011. The FFY 2012 projects as programmed assume that the federal participation will remain at 95 percent. However, the possibility exists that it will be changed back to 90 percent. If this happens, we will notify the sponsors as soon as possible.

If you have any questions concerning the program, please contact Mike McCue at 217-782-0698.

Sincerely,



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Director

cc: Susan Shea