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December 27, 2016

Mr. Michael McDermott
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Re: Griffiss International Airport
Environmental Assessment for Phase 2-Terminal Building Expansion
Preliminary Environmental Scoping/Request for Information

File: 146.132.001

Dear Mr. McDermott:

On behalf of Oneida County, C&S Engineers, Inc., is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Phase 2 – Terminal Building Expansion at Griffiss International Airport (RME) in Rome, New York. The EA will evaluate the environmental impacts associated with construction and operation of a commercial passenger terminal building and associated facilities in order to comply with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements. Since the proposed project will involve funding and approvals from federal, state, and local agencies, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) reviews are necessary. The FAA is the NEPA lead agency for the proposed project while Oneida County intends to be the SEQR lead agency. It should be noted that SEQR review for the proposed project will be conducted following completion of the EA.

The purpose of this project is to improve the quality of air service in the Oneida County area. The need for the project is that the County does not currently have the necessary passenger terminal facilities to support initiation of commercial service operations at the Griffiss International Airport.

The proposed project (see Figure 1) includes the following:

- Construct a two-story Passenger Terminal building (19,000 SF) for commercial airline service
- Construct a new access drive from Hangar Road (220 linear feet x 25 feet wide)
- Install one gate/one all-weather jet boarding bridge
- Pave two turf areas on the aircraft parking apron (3,200 square yards) to allow power-in and power-out operations for aircraft circulation
- Remark pavement, as required

- Install 305 linear feet of the security fence and remove 220 linear feet of security fence
- Pave and/or rehabilitate two parking lot areas (14,100 square yards) to provide 364 additional automobile parking
- Prepare site for construction (excavating/grading) and remove 5,600 square yards of existing concrete/pavement around proposed terminal building and proposed south parking lot
- Install new infrastructure/utilities (connecting to the existing water main, extending sanitary sewer to the site from Hangar Road, and installing storm sewers)
- Construct new stormwater quantity and quality control features, including collection basins as required
- Landscape around the new terminal building
- Amend the Airport's Part 139 Airport Operating Certificate (change from Class IV to Class I)

As part of the preliminary scoping process, we are requesting that your agency provide relevant information or comments regarding the following Environmental Impact Categories, taken from the FAA Order 1050.1F *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures* and FAA Order 5050.4B *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions* as they may relate to the proposed project within the limits of the study area shown on Figure 2.

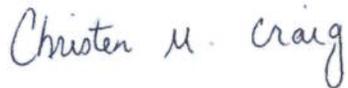
Air Quality/Climate	Socioeconomics
Biological Resources (including Fish, Wildlife, and Plants)	Environmental Justice
Coastal Resources	Children's Environmental Health and Safety Risks
Department of Transportation Act, Sec 4(f)	Visual Effects
Farmlands	Wild and Scenic Rivers
Hazardous Materials, Solid Waste, and Pollution Prevention	Wetlands
Historic, Architectural, Archeological, and Cultural Resources	Floodplains
Land Use	Surface Waters
Natural Resources and Energy Supply	Groundwater
Noise and Noise-Compatible Land Use	Cumulative Impacts

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In order to maintain the schedule for environmental planning for this project, we would appreciate a response to this inquiry by January 31, 2017. If we do not hear from you by that date, we will assume that you have no comments. If you have any questions regarding the proposed project, please contact Christen Craig at 315-455-2000, or by e-mail at ccraig@cscos.com. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

C&S ENGINEERS, INC.



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cc: Environmental Distribution List



Griffiss International Airport
Vicinity Map
Figure 2

Environmental Distribution List

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SYMBOL KEY	
	Proposed Monitoring Well
	Approximate Groundwater Flow Direction, 2010 Building 150 Site IRA Report
	Groundwater Contour, 1998 Basewide Survey (feet above mean sea level)
	Potential AFFF Release Area
	Fence
	Buried Gas Line in Trench
	Storm Sewer
	Catch Basin

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Figure 08-2
Proposed Sample Locations
Area 08 - Building 150

Site Investigation of Potential Perfluorinated Compound (PFC) Release Areas at Multiple BRAC Installations
 Installation Specific Work Plan - Former Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome, New York

NOTES: -Aerial Imagery obtained through ESRI Online Services	8/9/2016	Rev:	IS_WorkPlan_11x17LS
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SYMBOL KEY	
	Proposed Monitoring Well and Soil Boring
	Proposed Soil Boring
	Proposed Stormwater/Sediment Sample Location
	Groundwater Contour, 1998 Basewide Survey (feet above mean sea level)
	Approximate Groundwater Flow Direction
	Potential AFFF Release Area
	Fence
	Storm Sewer
	Catch Basin
	Manhole

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**Figure 06-2
Proposed Sample Locations
Area 06 - Building 100**

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Legend

- New Building
- New Pavement
- Pavement to be Removed
- New TW/TL Centerline
- Taxiway Object Free Area
- Taxilane Object Free Area
- Security Identification Display Area (SIDA)
- Relocated Fence
- Fence to be Removed
- Project Study Area
- Airport Property Line



Sources: Imagery from GOOGLE (2016)



Griffiss International Airport Rome, NY Passenger Terminal Building, Phase II

Figure 1

