

## South Suburban Airport Annual Progress Report

As Required by the Public-Private Agreements for  
the South Suburban Airport Act (620 ILCS 75/)

Section 2-75 of the **Public-Private Agreements for the South Suburban Airport Act (620 ILCS 75/)** requires the Department to *"prepare an annual written progress report on the South Suburban Airport project. The report shall include the status of any public-private agreements or other contracting and any ongoing or completed studies."*

### **Status of Public-Private Agreements**

To date, the Department has not initiated any of the Public-Private Partnership activities specifically authorized by the Act.

### **Other Contracting**

The following are separate from and do not rely on the authority granted under 620 ILCS 75/ - Public-Private Agreements for the South Suburban Airport Act:

- The South Suburban Airport (SSA) "Land Acquisition, Property Management, and Relocation Contract" managed by the Department's Division of Aeronautics expired in September 2021 and has been replaced by a "Property Management" contract with a revised scope of services.
- The Department's Division of Aeronautics initiated the procurement process for engineering services related to safety enhancements and airfield improvements specific to Bult Field (C56).
- The Department's Office of Programming & Planning, in coordination with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), continued efforts on two Work Orders: the first to "develop an action plan" related to an RFI for "the land originally acquired for the South Suburban Airport," and a second complimentary effort was conducted to produce a high-level analysis of the current air cargo industry and how it could relate to SSA.

### **Ongoing/Completed Studies & Efforts**

The SSA Project was placed "under review" by the previous administration and remains so to-date. Major land acquisition, planning, and environmental efforts were largely suspended at that time and have not been reactivated. Property management of the 4,550+ acres of acquired land remains ongoing by the Department's Division of Aeronautics, including the operation of Bult Field (C56), a corporate/general aviation airport located within the footprint of the overall proposed SSA development. Additional information can be found on the project's website at [www.SouthSuburbanAirport.com](http://www.SouthSuburbanAirport.com). For information about Bult Field, please visit [www.BultField.com](http://www.BultField.com).

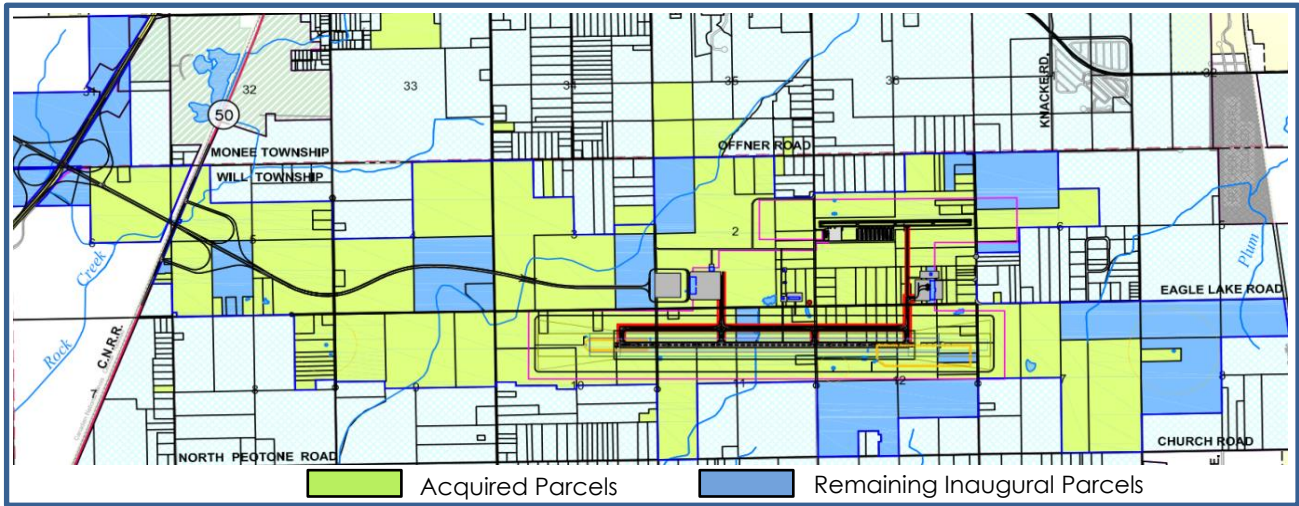
As with most major projects, SSA is comprised of multiple interdependent facets. The following high-level progress updates are for "ongoing/completed studies" associated with the overall SSA Project. These Project components are separate from and do not rely on the authority granted under 620 ILCS 75/ - Public-Private Agreements for the South Suburban Airport Act:

- **Land Acquisition**: No new land acquisition in FY2023. Land Acquisition Summary & Land Acquisition Status Map included as Attachment A.
- **Airport Master Plan**: No progress in FY2023. Master Plan status provided in Attachment B.
- **Tier 2 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**: No Progress in FY2023. Status of environmental efforts included as Attachment C.
- **Project Delivery**: No progress in FY2023. Preferred delivery method remains undetermined.
- **Project Outreach**: No major activities in FY2023. Project website is active.
- **Property Management**: Management of the **4,550+ acres** of land acquired in support of the project is ongoing. This includes the operation of Bult Field (C56), a corporate/general; aviation airport located within SSA's inaugural boundary. Project-wide lease revenues in FY2023 total **\$1.5 Million**. Lease Status provided in Attachment D.

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# Attachment A

| <i>Acquisition Summary</i>                 | <i>Status</i>      |                         |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Inaugural Airport                          | 117 Parcels        | 4,250.68 Acres ±        |
| Ultimate (Hardship / Protective Purchases) | 35 Parcels         | 304.10 Acres ±          |
| <b>TOTAL ACQUIRED</b>                      | <b>152 Parcels</b> | <b>4,554.78 Acres ±</b> |



## Attachment B

| <b>Master Plan Components</b>  | <b>Status</b>                               |
|--|---|
| <b>Existing Conditions Report</b><br><i>Describes the current environmental &amp; social setting in and around the airport site.</i>   | <b>FAA ACCEPTED</b><br><i>December 2011</i> |
| <b>Aviation Forecasts</b><br><i>Predicts the number of aircraft and type (passenger, cargo, general aviation) that will use the airport over a 20 year timeframe.</i>  | <b>FAA APPROVED</b><br><i>March 2011</i>    |
| <b>Facility Requirements Report</b><br><i>Defines the size and number of airfield facilities (runways, taxiways, aprons, hangars, terminals, etc.) needed to handle the aeronautical passenger, cargo and general aviation demand contained in the approved Aviation Forecast Report.</i>  | <b>FAA ACCEPTED</b><br><i>November 2011</i> |
| <b>Alternatives Development &amp; Evaluation Report</b><br><i>Reviews different airfield airside (runways, taxiways, aprons) and landside components (terminals, hangars, parking, access roadways) and determines the best environmental, operational, and cost effective configuration for development.</i>                                      | <b>FAA ACCEPTED</b><br><i>June 2012</i>     |
| <b>Airport Access Plan</b><br><i>Outlines airport access considerations, including projected traffic levels and potential improvements to the surrounding road network.</i>  | <b>Awaiting FAA Review/Acceptance</b>       |
| <b>Airport Layout Plan &amp; Airport Plans Report</b><br><i>Comprehensive set of detailed technical drawings that graphically depict the airfield components. A companion document, the Airport Plans Report, outlines the Federal criteria used in the preparation of the ALP and includes a narrative description of each of the ALP sheets.</i> | <b>Awaiting FAA Review/Acceptance</b>       |
| <b>Environmental Considerations Report</b><br><i>Outlines the environmental features and resources that may be potentially impacted by the construction and operation of SSA. Also identifies potential permits and other approvals that may be required to allow for early coordination with resource agencies.</i>                               | <b>FAA ACCEPTED</b><br><i>November 2013</i> |
| <b>Facilities Implementation Plan</b><br><i>Defines the detailed steps (phasing) needed to construct &amp; operate the airport. Estimates cost and schedule to develop the Inaugural Airport Program.</i>  | <b>Awaiting FAA Review/Acceptance</b>       |
| <b>Financial Feasibility Report</b><br><i>Identifies the financial options available to construct &amp; operate the airport.</i>   | <b>Awaiting FAA Review/Acceptance</b>       |

# Attachment C

## **Environmental Reports & Activities**

*(Environmental reports below support IDOT's Airport Master Plan and FAA's EIS, but do not represent FAA's complete EIS effort.)*

## **Status**

### **Airspace Modeling**

*The FAA initiated an airspace study to analyze SSA's role in the region's complex airspace structure - which includes some of the business airports and airspace in the world. This study will help the FAA determine how to best integrate aircraft flying to and from SSA into the National Airspace System*

**FAA Modeling Effort Completed;**  
Positive Results: SSA Operations Can  
Successfully Integrate Into Regional  
Airspace Structure  
*January 2015*

### **Access Justification Report (AJR)**

*An AJR is being prepared to analyze and seek IDOT and Federal Highway Administration approval for an SSA interchange from I-57 and access from IL-50.*

**FHWA: Concept Approval**

### **Archaeological**

*Detailed archaeological surveys conducted by the University of Illinois' Illinois State Archaeological Survey (ISAS) in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.*

**No Significant Findings to Date**

### **Wildlife Hazard Assessment & Mitigation Plan**

*A 12-month field survey is being conducted to provide an assessment of potential wildlife hazards that may exist on or around the airfield. The mitigation plan will offer possible wildlife management solutions.*

**Completed**

### **Wetlands Report**

*Inaugural site (5,000+ acres) was surveyed and documented to create an inventory of the existing wetlands.*

**Accepted by FAA; IDNR Concurrence  
USACE APPROVED  
Jurisdictional Determination  
*July 2013***

### **Floodplain Modeling**

*Watersheds were mapped through the use of aerial LIDAR (Light Detection And Ranging), which utilizes airborne lasers to create a 3-D model of the surface.*

**FAA ACCEPTED  
*July 2013***

## Attachment D

| <i>Property Management - Leases</i> | <i>Status (June 2023)</i>                                  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Agricultural                        | 82 Parcels; 20 Leases<br>3,717.7 Acres±; 2,793.4 Tillable± |
| Residential                         | 21   |
| C56 Hangar                          | 114  |
| Commercial                          | 5  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>160 Leases</b>  |