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April 21, 2022

Hon. Martin Hayes

ACTING MANAGING DIRECTOR

Liberia Airport Authority Republic of Liberia

Dear Hon, Hayes:

Subject: REQUEST FOR "NO OBJECTION" TO AWARD CONTRACT TO STARS AVIATION AFRICA SECURITY SERVICES (SAASS) FOR THE PROVISION OF AIRPORT SECURITY SERVICES - FISCAL YEAR 2022

We present our compliments and wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication seeking "No Objection" approval to award contract to Stars Aviation Africa Security Services (SAASS) for the provision of security services using a framework arrangement at a cost of US\$35.00 per transit passenger for the fiscal year 2022.

The Commission upon review of your request and overall scrutiny, highlights the below:

- That **SEGAL**, one of the bidders noted formally to the Commission of issues relating to LAA/RIA's briefing procedures;
- That the Commission in consonance with Section 11 of the PPCA, caveated the LAA/RIA to
 institute the proper application of the procedures, via a formal meeting;
- That **SEGAL** subsequently, (via a formal letter) withdrew its complaint against the LAA/RIA stating that the LAA instituted the applicable procedures;
- That LAA/RIA subsequently submitted documentation for review to the Commission seeking "No Objection";
- That the Liberia Airport Authority (submitted (Hard copies) including: copy of RFP, copies of technical and financial proposals, copy of complaint withdrawal, bid documents, bid evaluation report, procurement committee meeting minutes, bid opening minutes, draft contract, etc.;
- That LAA's submission indicates that four (4) bidders participated in the bidding process (SEGAL, SAASS, FLINT and FORTUNE);
- That as per the LAA's BEP Report, **SAASS** was deemed responsive in the <u>preliminary</u>, <u>technical</u> and financial evaluation;

The Commission, upon review of submitted documentations and subsequent clarifications, states the below:

- 1. That the Commission renders "No Objection" to the Liberia Airport Authority (LAA) to award contract to Stars Aviation Africa Security Services (SAASS) for the provision of security services using a framework agreement of US\$35.00 per transit passenger, as stipulated in the draft contract agreement consistent with Section 5 (5.1) of said agreement;
- 2. The Liberia Airport Authority <u>should ensure</u> that **SAASS** conforms to stipulated services including maintenance;
- 3. That the LAA/RIA, given the nature of the services, should furnish the Commission with performance report, progress and challenges consistent with the PPCA Section 5(a), (g) and 27(g). Additionally, the LAA/RIA should submit a contract management plan with key performance indicators.

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Please note that given the contract value exceeding the threshold amount of **US\$250,000.00**, <u>it must be duly signed by the Minister responsible for Finance and attested to by the Minister responsible for Justice</u>. We ask that you kindly forward a copy of the final contract be submitted to the Commission for <u>validity and reporting</u> as required by the PPCA.

The Public Procurement and Concessions Commission admonishes and deems it a priority that you remain **primarily** in compliance with the PPCA, 2010, as we jointly aspire to achieve transparency, accountability, fairness, equality and ultimately public confidence in our procurement and concessions processes.

Yours sincerely,

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Republic of Liberia LIBERIA AIRPORT AUTHORITY



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IFB No. LAA/ RIA/SP/SS/001/19/20

February 25, 2022

Dear Attv. Kowo

The Liberia Airport Authority presents its compliments and in furtherance of the withdrawal of its communication dated January 31, 2022, which misrepresented the true intentions of the LAA by stating that, the LAA wants to Sole Source SEGAL and SAASS, wishes to give clarity on why it has taken a prolonged period for the LAA to get back in touch with the commission and present its true intentions.

Firstly, as the LAA was in the process of informing the commission of its intent to award the contract, a complaint was filed which led to the commission hosting a conference to address the issues. The LAA was instructed to return to base and give clarity to the vendor that filed the said complaint, iron out issues and return to the commission. This process was prolonged as both entities became indisposed at different periods and could not meet due unforeseen circumstances. Notwithstanding, the conflict was later resolved after a protracted period and the complaint was withdrawn which now led to the LAA request for approval to award

This communication represents the true intentions of the LAA and therefore nullifies and replaces the letter mentioned above. SEGAL has withdrawn its complaint thus settling the matter that has impeded this process

LAA wishes to inform the commission that the eventual winner, SAASS, was written to extend their bid validity period to ensure the terms and conditions are valid considering that this process has prolonged.

Therefore, considering the above and in the interest of time due to the critical and urgent need to comply with international standards and best practices of Aviation Security provision, the Liberia Airport Authority herewith writes to seek "No Objection" of the commission in keeping with section 31 of the PPCA to award the contract to SAASS for the provision of Airport security services in compliance with Annex 17 OF ICAO for the amount of US\$35 per passenger.

Attached are the supporting documents:

- -Letters of Invitation
- -Bid Submitted by bidders
- -Bid Opening Minutes
- -Bid Evaluation Report
- -Procurement Committee Minutes
- Draft Contract
- -Bid Validity Period Confirmation
- -Confirmation of Funds availability

Thanks for your consideration and assistance.

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