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Dear Georgia Airport Sponsors,

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law by the President on March 11, 2021. ARPA provides approximately \$8 billion in economic relief to airports to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The total amount of relief funds for Georgia is \$395,699,085, of which Commercial Service Airports will receive \$392,241,085 and Non-Primary Airports (General Aviation) will receive \$3,458,000.

Under the FAA's State Block Grant Program, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will administer ARPA funding for Georgia's general aviation airports classified as Basic, Local, Regional, or National under the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). These airports will receive funding totaling \$3,458,000. Unclassified Airports will not receive ARP funds as specified in the Act.

Attachment 1-ARPA Funding Distribution was developed by the FAA based on a formula described in the Act. These amounts are set by ARPA and will be provided at a 100% federal share, with no local match required. For more information on ARPA, please visit

https://www.faa.gov/airports/airport_rescue_grants/.

GDOT highly encourages airport sponsors to apply for funds that can be spent immediately to help minimize any adverse impacts from the public health emergency. ARPA funding must follow the FAA's Revenue Use Policy and can be used for costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, combating the spread of pathogens at the airport, and debt service payments. Eligible operational expenses directly related to the airport must have been incurred on or after January 20, 2020. Eligible debt service payments directly related to the airport are allowed and are due on or after March 11, 2021. Sponsors may not apply for reimbursement for costs previously reimbursed under the CARES Act or CRSSA Act programs.

Attachment 2-OMB SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance, must be completed and signed by each airport sponsor requesting funding under ARPA. Several sections of the Application have been completed for ease and convenience, including the project description. Please note the requested federal amount should equal the amount listed in the ARPA Funding Distribution for your airport.

To supplement the Application, please complete **Attachment 3-Airport Operating Expenses-Budget Worksheet** as part of this package. Eligible items are outlined on the Worksheet. Not all items may be applicable to your airport and can be left at \$0.00. The Total Estimated Cost on the Worksheet should match the Application. The Worksheet and signed Application must be returned to Colette Williams at cedmisten@dot.ga.gov no later than **August 1, 2021**.

For ARPA funding contracts, Airport Sponsors will continue the current practice of submitting pay applications and documentation to their Aviation Project Manager. Examples of documentation include payroll reports, janitorial or maintenance contract invoices, utility statements or invoices, proof of payment, and receipts for supplies. GDOT will process payments within 30 days of receipt of acceptable and supporting documentation. Sponsors must retain complete records to support requests for

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payments. All funds distributed under the ARPA are subject to FAA and GDOT audit to preclude improper payments.

If a Sponsor is not interested in applying for ARPA funds, a letter declining the funds must be sent to Colette Williams at cedmisten@dot.ga.gov no later than **August 1, 2021**.

GDOT extends our sincere hope that you and each of your employees remains healthy during this unprecedented time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve Brian, Aviation Program Manager, at 404-347-0484 or sbrian@dot.ga.gov or Colette Williams, Assistant Aviation Program Manager, at 404-631-1323, or cedmisten@dot.ga.gov.