



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**Design-Build Services for
Runway 8-26 Reconstruction at
Rafael Hernández Airport, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico**

ADDENDUM NO. 11

TO ALL OFFERORS:

This Addendum forms part of the reference Request for Proposals.

A. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Importance of this project to PR development.

The Rafael Hernández Aguadilla International Airport (BQN) is the second busiest commercial service airport in Puerto Rico. The airport serves a mix of passenger and air cargo operations. BQN was constructed initially in the Late-1930 by the US Army Air Corps to support WWII. The airport ultimately evolved into a US Air Force B-52 Strategic Air Command base in the 1950s. Formerly known as Ramey Air Force Base, PRPA took over the airfield in the 1970s under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)'s National Plan of Integrated Airports Systems (NPIAS) classifies BQN Airport as a primary commercial service airport.

It currently has seven weekly flights from Newark (NJ), New York (NY), Orlando (FL), and Ft. Lauderdale (FL) from JetBlue Airways, Spirit Airlines, Frontier Airlines, and United Airlines. Regarding cargo, it has six companies: Federal Express, Caribex, IFL Cargo, Ameriflight, Emirates, and Mountain Air Cargo. It reached 700,000 passengers in the calendar year 2022, which is the highest number of passenger movements in the last three years, after declaring a state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

RW Actual condition

The central runway sections exhibited climatically and age-based distress as well as structural/load related distresses. The PCI values ranged from 25 to 52, which correspond to PCI rating conditions of Serious and Poor, respectively. This section is of primary concern for the airport's runway safety operations. Runway 8-26 has less than five years of life span.

Construction of this new parallel runway will maintain airfield operations, avoiding the airport's closure.

On April 29, 2020, DOT granted a two year waiver to PRPA, expanding the cargo and passenger flexibility at Puerto Rico International Airports. To maintain and apply for future extension, BQN shall remain its airfield operations during this period.

The airport closure could represent as much as \$140 million in monthly losses to the region's economy. It would most likely draw cargo operators to permanently move to other Caribbean islands.

RFP Postponed Due Date

In the best interests of Puerto Rico, the PRPA is open to providing adequate time for Proposers to submit a complete proposal and, by so doing, obtain the best offer thru this procurement.

Therefore, Proposers shall re-submit their request for additional time with a detailed justification and the amount of time requested in calendar days from the receipt of this Addendum to BQNRUNWAY@PRPA.PR.GOV. The PRPA is under no obligation to grant the requested time extension, but if it considers, in its sole discretion, that the reasons given to support the extension request are of a compelling nature it will grant whatever amount of time it deems appropriate.

B. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

No.	Questions	Answers
1	<p>1. We kindly request confirmation that the responses to the RFIs, released with the Addenda, are of a contractual nature and what is expressed in them is binding for the Tender.</p> <p>In case of discrepancies between a RFI response and the latest version of the Design Criteria Package, please clarify the hierarchy between them.</p> <p>For example, Response #8 of Addendum 9 indicates that Respondents shall disregard a specific requirement in Section 5.3 of the DCP. However, the revised version of the DCP, released also with Addendum 9, maintains the same wording as in previous versions.</p>	<p>Response #8 of Addendum 9 shall prevail over the Design Criteria Package version released.</p> <p>All responses to RFI's shall become part of the final contract documents and shall prevail over other items listed in the Design Criteria Package.</p>
2	<p>1. Please indicate if section titles can have fonts and sizes other than the ones established in section 10.3.3 of the RFP:</p> <p>"Proposals shall use minimum 10-point font in Arial and none smaller, excluding titles and captions for graphics and for tables and must be consistent for the whole document".</p>	<p>Section titles can have fonts and sizes other than the ones established in section 10.3.3 of the RFP.</p>

END OF ADDENDUM NO. 11

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