

## MIDCOAST REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### ***Request for Expressions of Interest Aircraft Maintenance Technician School***

**Due Date: Friday January 29, 2016**

The Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority (MRRRA) is seeking expressions of interest from qualified aviation schools to locate an Aircraft Maintenance Technical School on Brunswick Landing in Brunswick, Maine.

#### ***Background***

The State of Maine has a large and growing aerospace industry, with aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) companies, aircraft manufacturers, and aviation service companies opening or expanding throughout the state. Due to its strategic location, favorable business climate and recent changes in tax regulations, Maine has become an outstanding location for aviation companies and aerospace operations.

In addition, Maine possesses a significant inventory of aviation assets to support the growth of the industry: the majority of which were built by the federal government. These include: airports with large land areas, long runways and large hangar and maintenance buildings that help make the State highly suitable to accommodate aircraft maintenance and manufacturing operations.

Recently, major aviation companies in Maine announced large-scale expansions, including Tempus Jets in Brunswick, C&L Aerospace in Bangor and Maine Aviation in Portland. Additionally, aircraft manufacturers such as ONE Aviation (Eclipse Jet / Kestrel) and MVP Aero have opened offices/facilities at Brunswick Executive Airport. In addition, the University of Maine, Augusta, in conjunction with Maine Instrument Flight, provides a baccalaureate degree program in aviation to train future pilots. This program is provided at the Augusta State Airport, with expansion planned at Brunswick Executive Airport.



Employees at Tempus Jets work on a Gulfstream Aircraft at Brunswick Executive Airport

We recognize that if we want to grow this industry in the State, we also need to grow a workforce to support this industry. While Maine has a strong capable and reliable workforce with technical and mechanical skills, there is no in-state source for training and certifying the hundreds of aircraft maintenance technicians required to support the state's rapidly growing aerospace industry. Maine has a strong community college system, which could be potential partners in the development of this program.

We believe that Brunswick Executive Airport (BXM) at Brunswick Landing, formerly Naval Air Station Brunswick, is ideally situated to support an aviation program. BXM is located at the epicenter of the Maine aerospace industry. It is centrally located near other airports with growing aviation/aerospace industries in Bangor, Portland and Auburn/Lewiston, as well as other major aerospace companies located throughout the state, like Pratt & Whitney.

A variety of options are available on the Brunswick Landing campus to meet classroom, lab, administrative office space and student housing requirements.

**Scope of Request**

Our desired outcome would be to attract a reputable aviation school to establish and operate an FAA approved Aircraft Maintenance Technician School at Brunswick Landing. The school may be established as a stand-alone school or may operate in cooperation Southern Maine Community College, which operates a campus on Brunswick Landing. Once established, the school should have the ability to provide the skilled workforce required to meet the demands of the growing Maine Aerospace Industry.



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## Interest Submittals

Please submit your expression of interest, along with background information about your company and a proposed framework of the school operation. Upon review of the submittals, MRRA may request additional information and may request a specific development proposal.

Any communication in reference to this RFEI should be made in writing or e-mail and directed to:

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### Due Date

Please submit **on or before Friday, January 29th**, an expression of interest to Marty McMahon at the address above.



ONE Aviation's "Kestrel" prototype at Brunswick Executive Airport