



June 2, 2026

Mr. Shawn Schloesser
Associate Director – Transportation Planning Services
10 Civic Center Plaza
Mankato, Minnesota 56001

Re: Mankato Regional Airport
Snow Removal Equipment Acquisition – Loader and Plow
Contract Award Recommendation
FAA AIP No. 3-27-0055-041-2026
State Project No. A0701-129
City Project No. 11263
TKDA Project No. 23416

Dear Mr. Schloesser:

Bids on the above-referenced project were received and opened at 2:00 PM on May 26, 2026. One bid was received as follows:

RDO John Deere	\$ 439,061.77
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The Engineer's Estimate for this acquisition was \$432,000.00, as shown on the attached bid tabulation. We have reviewed the bid and found no improprieties in the bid proposal from the low bidder, RDO John Deere. The low bid is 1.6% above the Engineer's Estimate.

The Mankato Regional Airport submitted a Grant Initiation Request for Federal Assistance in September 2025 to the FAA. The project will be funded utilizing Federal Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) funds at a funding rate of 95%, in addition to State Airport Funds (SAF) at a funding rate of 2.5%. The City's local share of project costs for the equipment is \$10,976.54.

RDO John Deere is currently submitting their Buy American documentation or waivers to the FAA for approval. Approval of those waivers will be required prior to the FAA issuing funding.

We therefore recommend that a contract be conditionally awarded to RDO John Deere of Mankato, MN, the lowest responsible bidder. A grant is anticipated in summer/fall of 2026, therefore, the resolution for award should be subject to receipt of federal and state funding agreements.

Please contact us at your convenience with any related questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John N. Peterson".

John N. Peterson, PE
Project Manager

Enclosures

cc: Luke Bourassa, MnDOT Aeronautics, elec. w/encl.
Jess Tillman, FAA Dakota/Minnesota Airports District elec. w/encl.

BIDS OPENED: MAY 26, 2026
TABULATION BY: JNP

TABULATION OF BIDS
SRE ACQUISITION - LOADER AND PLOW
MANKATO REGIONAL AIRPORT

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ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE		RDO JOHN DEERE	
			UNIT PRICE	EXTENSION	UNIT PRICE	EXTENSION
1	MID-SIZED WHEEL LOADER W/ PUSHER ATTACHMENT	1 EA	432,000.00	432,000.00	439,061.77	439,061.77
TOTAL			\$	432,000.00	\$	439,061.77
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