

Expressions of Interest – Passenger Service

BACKGROUND

In 2016, the Red Deer Regional Airport completed phase one of its expansion plans by extending the main runway from 5,500 ft to 7,500 ft. Additional enhancements such as ATC services and LPV approach capabilities have also been added.

Thanks to the generous support of the Government of Alberta, Red Deer County, and the City of Red Deer, the Red Deer Regional Airport is set to begin a \$15 million expansion plan, which includes: widening of the main runway from 30 meters to 45 meters, strengthening of a main taxiway/apron, and construction of a new low cost terminal. Once complete, these key infrastructure upgrades will allow the airport to attract the types of businesses and aircrafts commonly associated with cargo operators, heavy aircraft maintenance/repair facilities and low cost airlines. To that end, a market research study on the viability of attracting/supporting a low cost airline was conducted in the spring of 2021 by Stone Olafson, the results of which indicate that there is in fact strong demand for this type of passenger service business model.

OPPORTUNITY

As a result of these positive developments, the Red Deer Regional Airport Authority is now in a position to begin accepting expressions of interest from any airline interested in providing domestic & international passenger service out of the Red Deer Regional Airport as early as November 15, 2022. However, due to the modest size of the new terminal, this opportunity is only open to those airlines operating aircraft with a maximum certified seating capacity of 189 passengers and a maximum takeoff weight of 183,000 lbs. Additionally, landing slots will also be required, the likes of which can only be obtained once a formal service agreement is in place. As a result, it is imperative that all interested parties contact the Red Deer Regional Airport Authority as soon as possible.

Thank you for your interest in the Red Deer Regional Airport, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

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