

Memorandum



Date: June 2, 2026


To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Supplement
Agenda Item No. 8(A)(1)

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Supplemental Information to the Recommendation for Approval of Sole Sourced Materials and Systems in Procurement Documents for Selected Miami-Dade Aviation Department Capital Improvement Projects (Legistar No. 260591)

This supplemental memorandum provides additional information for the Board of County Commissioners' consideration regarding the proposed agenda item. In response to comments made in respect to item 3I during the Miami-Dade Aviation and Seaport Committee meeting held on Monday, May 11, 2026, the Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) requested its Bond Engineer, HNTB, to conduct an independent review of the sole sourced materials and systems listed in the attachment to the item's memorandum. HNTB's analysis included a reasonableness and consistency review of the justification letters provided by the Architects and Engineers of Record included in the memorandum's attachment as "Exhibit C", which concluded that the letters are consistent with Section 255.04, Florida Statutes, and reasonably demonstrate that introducing alternate manufacturers would pose integration risks, create a need for broad system replacement, increase costs and delay project turnover. HNTB's independent review letter is attached to this supplement as "Attachment A".



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Attachment A

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May 26, 2026

Mr. Ralph Cutié
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Subject: *Independent Engineering Review of Sole Source Materials and Systems – MDAD Capital Improvement Projects*

Dear Mr. Cutié:

At the request of the Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) and in response to comments raised during the Miami-Dade Aviation and Seaport Committee meeting held on Monday, May 11, 2026, HNTB Corporation, serving as MDAD's Bond Engineer, has conducted an independent review of the sole source materials and systems proposed for various Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects.

Scope of HNTB's Review

HNTB performed a reasonableness and consistency review of the sole source justifications submitted by the Architects and Engineers of Record (A/EOR) as documented in Exhibit C of the memorandum prepared for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners. Our review included:

- Assessing each justification for alignment with MDAD's operational, safety, compatibility, and maintenance requirements.
- Verifying that the rationale provided by each A/EOR is consistent with aviation industry practice, particularly in cases involving proprietary systems, legacy installations, regulatory requirements, and airport wide standardization.
- Considering the cost, schedule, system integration, and operational impacts associated with substituting alternative manufacturers.

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Consistent with our role as Bond Engineer, HNTB did not replace the technical engineering judgment of the A/EOR, nor did we perform system level design analyses. Instead, our review focused on ensuring the justifications were complete, coherent, and reasonably supported by project-specific technical and operational conditions.

Findings

Based on our independent review, HNTB confirms the following:

1. The A/EOR letters provide clear, project specific justification for specifying sole source components, including proprietary integration requirements, airport wide platform consistency, and life safety or security considerations.
2. The documentation is consistent with the provisions of Section 255.04, Florida Statutes, which allows sole source specification when supported by the recommendation of the architect or engineer of record and justified by cost, interchangeability, or system continuity.
3. The A/EOR justifications reasonably demonstrate that introducing alternate manufacturers would create integration risks, impose operational or safety impacts, require broad system replacement, or result in considerable additional cost and schedule delays.
4. The information presented in MDAD's Exhibits A–C constitutes a complete and well supported basis for identifying the items as sole source.

Accordingly, it is the opinion of HNTB, acting in its capacity as MDAD's Bond Engineer, that the A/EOR sole source recommendations are reasonable, appropriate, and consistent with the operational and technical needs of Miami International Airport and the General Aviation Airports system.

Conclusion

HNTB has served as the Bond Engineer for MDAD for approximately 60 years, supporting the Department through multiple generations of capital programs, system upgrades, operational transitions, and regulatory evolution. This extensive institutional knowledge of MDAD's infrastructure, legacy systems, and operational dependencies allows HNTB to independently assess the reasonableness and appropriateness of the A/EOR justifications.

Based on both our technical review and our longstanding familiarity with MDAD's systems, HNTB concludes that the documentation provided by the A/EOR is sufficient, appropriate, and credible, and that the items identified for sole source consideration have merit and are

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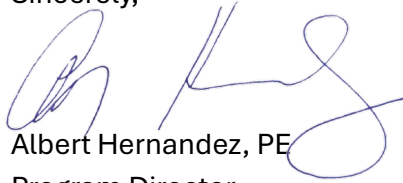
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reasonably justified as sole sourced based on compatibility, cost avoidance, operational continuity, and the specialized nature of existing airport systems.

HNTB supports MDAD's advancement of these sole source materials and systems to the Board of County Commissioners for approval and remains available to provide additional clarification as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Hernandez', is written over the typed name.

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MDAD Bond Engineer

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