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SPACEPORT AMERICA SEEKS BIDS FOR ON-SITE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

LAS CRUCES, NM – New Mexico Spaceport Authority (NMSA) is soliciting contractor bids to provide the on-site electrical system for Spaceport America, the world's first purpose-built commercial spaceport now under construction. The system will connect the on-site infrastructure to the off-site ten-megawatt electrical sub-station and six-mile long distribution line that will connect to a Tri-State 115 KVA transmission line. Interested contractors are encouraged to get details of the bid package and attend a pre-bid conference.

NMSA Executive Director Steve Landeene is pleased to be issuing this site electrical system bid package, saying, "This is a critical package that will energize the spaceport. These utilities will be underground to minimize view shed impacts from the El Camino Real Trail as well as provide a more protected electrical system for Spaceport America operations."

Interested service providers need to attend a mandatory pre-bid conference at 10 a.m. August 18, 2009, at the Ralph Edwards Civic Center in Truth or Consequences, NM. A tour of the Spaceport America project site will take place immediately after the pre-bid meeting. Copies of the lump sum bid package SP-005 can be viewed electronically online at Albuquerque Reprographics PlanWell website (https://order.planwell.com/PWELL_Main.asp?mem=1090) (**NOTE: UNDERSCORE BETWEEN "PWELL" and "Main"**) To view the bid documents, users must enter the following information:

Username: ABQ0_SP005

Password: electrical (lowercase)

Progress at Spaceport America continues at a rapid pace. Road improvements to the spaceport are now complete, and after a successful groundbreaking ceremony in June, bids are being reviewed and awarded for various aspects of the construction. The latest Requests for Proposal (RFP) and Invitations to Bid (ITB) can be found online at www.spaceportamerica.com. Spaceport America will

have a 10,000-foot runway complete by late summer 2010 with the Terminal Hangar Facility projected to be complete by early 2011. The NMSA has been working closely with leading aerospace firms such as Lockheed Martin, UP Aerospace, Virgin Galactic, Microgravity Enterprises and Payload Specialties to develop commercial spaceflight.

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For additional information and images of Spaceport America go to www.spaceportamerica.com or contact David Wilson @ 575-524-8118/575-640-8228 or email: dwilson@wilson-binkley.com