

New Mexico Spaceport Authority
Special Meeting
July 26, 2011
City of Las Cruces Government Offices, Room A
700 N. Main Street. – Las Cruces, NM 88001

The meeting was called to order with three members present, three members on the telephone and two members not present. Quorum confirmed. Official present included: NMSA-Christine Anderson, Executive Director, Aaron Prescott, Bill Gutman, Jared Ortega (intern) and guests: Rob Spence, John Mills, Paul Deason, James Webb, Jim Hayhoe, Jim Laws, Kent Evans, Karen Perez, Tony Tenorio, Steve Matier, Carolyn Wincer, Chelsey Green.

Members:

Rick Holdridge, Chair (present)
Jerry Stagner (present)
Ben Woods (present)
David Buchholtz (conference call)
Scott Krahling (not present)
Irv Diamond (not present)
Sid Gutierrez (conference call)
Lt Gov John Sanchez (conference call)

Approval –Terminal/ Hangar Facility Naming

Chris stated that Virgin Galactic would like to rename the Terminal/Hangar Facility the Virgin Galactic Gateway to Space. Director Woods moved for approval. Director Stager seconded the motion. Director Buchholtz asked if we had considered compensation. Chris answered no. Director Woods stated he felt that this is a unique situation in that NMSA and VG have a special partnership and he felt that no compensation was required, moreover that no compensation was appropriate in this instance. A vote was taken. All approved except Director Buchholtz who voted no. Motion carried.

Approval- Legal Services

Information package was provided to the Board prior to the meeting for review. Chris Anderson provided the Board with a general overview. Four proposals were received. All were deemed to be responsive. Recommendation: Board approve two contracts: one contract to the Rodey Law Firm for primarily all legal support except for water and rancher issues; and one contract to the Peters Law Firm for water and rancher issues. The rationale was that Peters has a long history with providing legal support to NMSA related to water and rancher issues and the continuity would well serve NMSA. Motion: Director Stagner moved to approve. Director Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval – Visitor Experience Development


Information package was provided to the Board prior to the meeting for review. Chris Anderson provided the Board with a general overview. Twelve proposals were received. Nine proposals were deemed responsive. Six Offerors were invited to provide oral presentations to the source selection committee. The source selection committee recommend that Integrity Arts and Technology, Inc, Orlando, Florida dba (IDEAS) be awarded the contract. IDEAS was determined to have the lowest cost and the highest value. IDEAS was formed in 2001 as a management buyout from Disney. IDEAS has participated in virtually every Disney theme park development. Director Woods asked if the remaining budget funds for the Visitor Experience covered construction. Chris answered yes. Chairman Holdridge asked if this team would help get alliances and partnerships. Chris answered yes. Director Woods made a motion to approve. Director Stagner seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comment – Jim Hayhoe complimented the staff for the process and remaining on schedule for the VE Development contract

Adjourn

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Director Stagner moved to adjourn. Director Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approved: 
Rick Holdridge, Chairman

Date: 