



September 1, 2022

Mr. Glenn Clarida, Economic Development Director
City of Marion
1102 Tower Square
Marion, IL 62959

Dear Mr. Clarida:

Thank you for reaching out regarding the opportunity and requirements related to Project Plane. The Williamson County Airport Authority is very much interested in Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois (MWA) being selected for the proposed site of operations. We readily meet the facility and operational requirements and can provide for substantial growth and development into the future as well.

MWA has an 8,012' x 150' primary runway with ILS and GPS approaches, and a secondary runway of 4,997' x 100'. Air traffic control services are provided from 07:00-19:00 daily, and a fire station with ARFF Index B capability is located on airport as well. Though our facilities are capable of accommodating much greater activity, annual traffic counts are very low – totaling only 24,840 in 2021.

The airport features a full service Fixed Based Operator, Midwest Aviation, providing fueling and line services daily. Cape Air offers daily flights to/from STL and BNA from a newly constructed airline terminal, and Hertz Car Rentals are located on site as well.

Central to the requirements of Project Plane however, is our ability to immediately provide 10,000 s/f of hangar space as a portion of the airport's existing 25,000 s/f Corporate Hangar (see attached). If necessary, fencing could be installed to divide the floor space into two separate areas. The 30' hangar door opens the entire width of the hangar which would allow ramp access to both areas. Access control in and around the hangar is maintained by airport issued lock and key, gate cards for vehicular access, and security cameras. The hangar has its own parking lot, along with available office and shop space if needed.

In addition, the airport has area available for the development of a 10,000 s/f hangar now or in the future if that is preferred. This property is just south of the FBO facilities with access to the general aviation ramp. Property could either be leased on a long-term basis, or a build-to-suit arrangement could be considered as well.

It should also be noted that we have worked closely with nearby SIU-C Aviation and their students for well over twenty years. This ongoing relationship could have substantial benefit to the proposed operation from the standpoint of a nearby skilled, trained, and available workforce.

When combined we are confident that each of these factors make MWA an ideal location for the type of activity being proposed in Project Plane. We would be more than happy to provide a tour of our facilities or further information as necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Kimmel", written over a white background.

Doug Kimmel
Airport Director