

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST PUBLIC HEARING

PROJECT: Clearing of Object Free Areas and Airfield Drainage Improvements at the Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport (SJU)

SPONSOR: Aerostar Airport Holdings, LLC

Pursuant to Section 102(2c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) OF 1969, Aerostar Airport Holdings, LLC. is making available for public and agency review and comment, the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the clearing of object free areas and airport drainage improvements at SJU. After comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies are considered, the Final EA will be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration for the agency's environmental determination.

- **Proposed Airport Improvements:** The proposed improvements, collectively referred to in the Draft EA as the "Proposed Project", includes the removal of vegetation within the runway and taxiway Object Free Areas (OFAs) at SJU to improve safety as required by FAA airport design standards. Cut trees and trimmings would be removed from wetlands and fill will be placed in select areas to enable long term maintenance of the safety improvements. Additionally, as portions of the SJU airfield, experience periodic flooding during heavy rainfall events, the Airport Sponsor proposes to implement a program to improve airfield drainage and alleviate periodic flooding. Although specific project-level improvements would be determined through the engineering design process, the overall program is anticipated to include removal of vegetation and accumulated sediments in drainage channels and ponds, repair and/or installation of new airfield storm water drainage inlets, pipes, and outfall structures. Mitigation will be required for wetland impacts associated with the OFA clearing and drainage improvements.

Draft EA Availability: A copy of the Draft EA is available for public review on the SJU website at <http://www.aeropuertotsju.com/aviso-publico/ambiental/>

The document will also be available for review during regular business hours at the locations listed below:

Airport Administrative Offices
Aerostar Airport Holdings, LLC
Terminal D, First Level
LMM, Carolina P.R. 00979

Public Library
Dr. Carlos Hernández Rodríguez
Fernandez Juncos Avenue, #874
San Juan, P.R. 00907

Notice of Opportunity to Request a Public Hearing: The purpose of this notification is to solicit public comments on the social, economic and environmental effects of the Proposed Project. Should a public hearing be requested based on concerns related to those effects, a hearing would be scheduled following the close of the public comment period.

Comment Period: Written comments on the Draft EA should be submitted to Julie Sullivan at JSullivan@esassoc.com. Comments will also be accepted by mail if they are postmarked no later than August 13, 2019. All comments will be carefully reviewed and addressed in a Final Environmental Assessment. Written comments can be also be submitted by mail to:

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Please note that comments can only be accepted with the full name and address of the individual commenting. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, it cannot be guaranteed that it will be withheld.