

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

December 5, 2012

RE: PFC Application No. 13-03-C-00-CHS

The Charleston County Aviation Authority (CCAA) has determined the need to submit to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) a new application to impose and use a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Charleston International Airport (Airport). CCAA is posting this public notice as part of the application process under 14 CFR § 158.

**Description of projects and PFC level**

**1. Terminal Redevelopment & Improvement Project**

<b>TSA</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,686,135</b>
<b>Rental Car CFC</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,930,192</b>
<b>GARBS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>74,374,097</b>
<b>PFC Bonds</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>65,000,000</b>
<b>CCAA</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>34,495,778</b>
<b>Subtotal Project Cost</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>187,486,202</b>
<b>PFC Financing</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>108,457,475</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>295,943,677</b>

**Impose and Use: \$4.50**

Start Date: December 2012

End Date: December 2014

*Description:* Terminal Redevelopment and Improvement Project (TRIP) at Charleston International Airport will convert the existing 10-gate terminal into a 16-gate facility. The plan of the proposed terminal, shown in **Figure 1** below, will accommodate these major components.

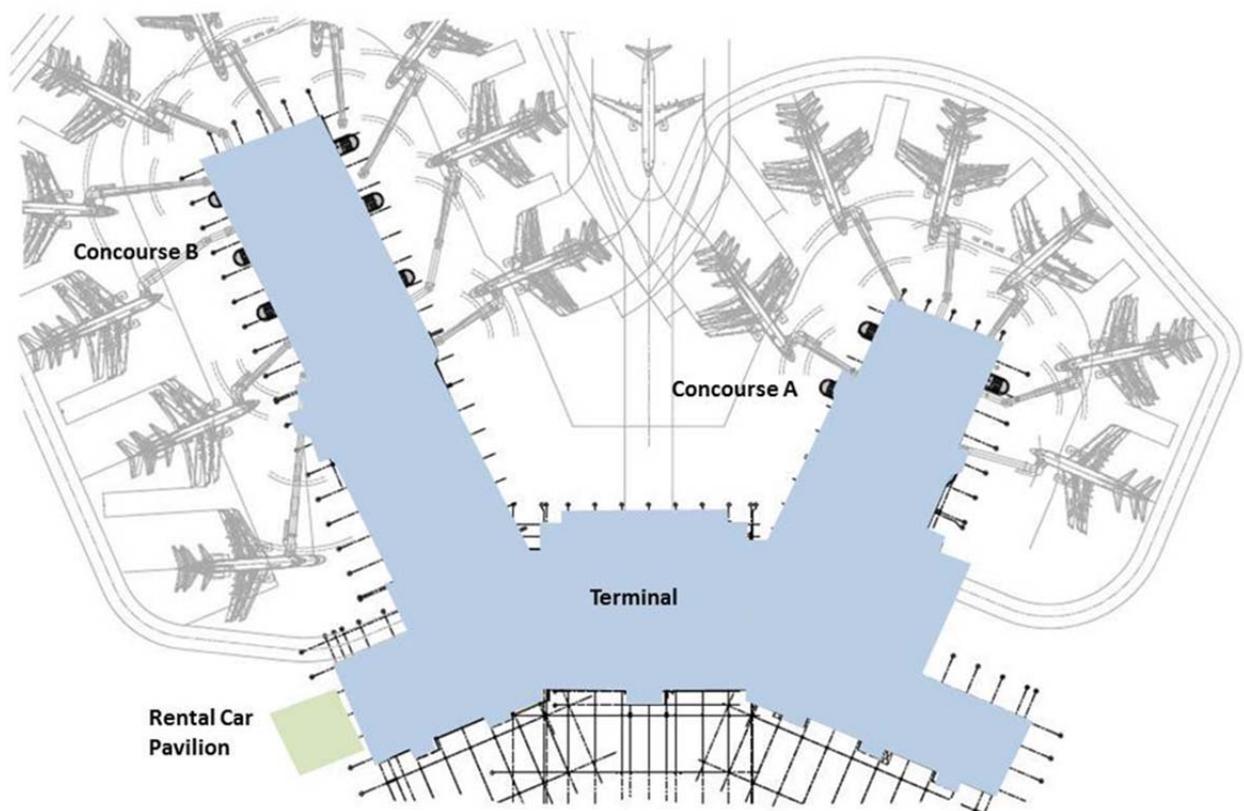
- Renovated Concourse A with 6 aircraft parking positions
- Expanded Concourse B from 5 to 10 gates
- New consolidated security screening checkpoint

- In-line baggage screening and sortation system
- Expansion of the baggage claim area
- Improved concessions facilities with expanded airside and landside areas
- New facilities for the delivery and distribution of concessions supplies and materials
- Relocated administrative offices
- New public restrooms

The architect has estimated that the completed three-level terminal building and concourses will be approximately 426,927 square feet in size.

**Figure 1: Proposed Terminal Development Plan**

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*Justification:*

The existing Terminal facility opened in April, 1985 and has been in continuous full-time use since that time without any significant

upgrade or expansion. In addition, passenger traffic at the airport has almost doubled over this period of time.

The terminal is in need of redevelopment /renovation due to wear and tear and aging with an eye also towards improved use of space compatible with current industry service and security standards. The building and gates are also reaching their original design capacity with a need to expand the existing baggage claim area as well as gate areas on Concourse B to accommodate future growth.

In March 2011, Southwest Airlines initiated service at the Airport. As a result, the Airport experienced a 15.8 percent increase in passenger traffic during the first twelve months of operation. Another low cost airline, JetBlue has recently announced that it too will begin service to Charleston from Boston and New York in February 2013.

The Airport has maximized use of remote overnight parking which adds additional expense to airline operations when moving and relocating aircraft to and from the terminal jetways. The additional six gates will permit more flight operations and reduce the requirement for overnight parking remote from the terminal building.

Renovations such as the new centralized security checkpoint will improve efficiency and provide more screening positions to expedite the flow of passengers. The relocation of concessions to coincide with passenger flow will provide opportunities to increase non-airline revenue that will offset airline costs at the Airport.

*Objective:*

The objective of this project is to enhance capacity of the national air transportation system and also furnish opportunities for enhanced competition between or among air carriers. This project will accomplish these objectives by providing six additional air carrier gates, additional baggage handling facilities, improved baggage and passenger inspection facilities, and an increased useful life of the terminal building.

## 2. PFC Application Development and Implementation

**Project cost – PFC Pay-go: \$49,000**

**Impose and Use: \$4.50**

Start Date: August 2012

End Date: August 2013

*Description:* This project includes professional fees for services rendered by the Authority's consultants in developing, implementing, and coordinating, the PFC program at the Authority's Airports.

*Justification:* The Authority's administrative costs are PFC eligible under Part 158.13 and Part 158.3. The development of this PFC application, the collection of PFCs and implementation of the projects here in will preserve and enhance safety and security at the airport. Administrative costs are allowable if necessary and reasonable in the implementation of approved projects.

*Objective:* The objective of this project is to enhance safety, security, and capacity of the national air transportation system. This project funds professional fees for services rendered from the Authority's consultants in developing, implementing, and coordinating the PFC program at the Authority's Airports which in turn allows the Authority to fund and construct needed projects at the airport.

### **Proposed Charge Effective Date**

The Authority estimates the charge effective date for this PFC application to be May 1, 2015.

### **Estimated Charge Expiration Date**

The Authority estimates the charge expiration date for this PFC application to be May 1, 2043 (or until collected revenues plus interest thereon equal the allowable costs of the approved projects, as permitted by regulation).

### **Estimated Total PFC Revenue**

The Authority estimates the total PFC revenue for the Application to be \$173,506,475.

**CCAA Point of Contact**

As required under 14 CFR § 158.24, the CCAA will be accepting public comments on the proposed PFC Application No. 12-02-C-00-CHS up to 30 days after the May 23, 2012 date of posting this public notice on our Web site. Comments should be sent to:

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