

CHAPTER 2011-265

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1489

An act relating to Sebring Airport Authority, Highlands County; amending chapter 2005-300, Laws of Florida; revising powers of the authority; providing that the authority may acquire, lease as lessee or lessor, construct, reconstruct, improve, extend, enlarge, equip, repair, maintain, and operate commercial and industrial facilities; providing that the authority may establish, operate, and maintain foreign-trade zone status under the alternative site framework in DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties and the Cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay; expanding the power of the authority to purchase commodities or contractual services; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 3, subsections (5) and (14) of section 6, and section 8 of section 3 of chapter 2005-300, Laws of Florida, are amended, and subsection (15) is added to section 6 of section 3 of that chapter, to read:

Section 3.

(2) The Sebring Airport Authority is authorized to exercise its powers over properties in addition to the Sebring Regional Airport and Industrial Park so long as they are exercised pursuant to contracts with other governmental entities ~~for the operation and supervision of other airports, airfields, and related facilities.~~

Section 6. The Sebring Airport Authority is hereby authorized and empowered:

(5) To acquire, lease as lessee or lessor, construct, reconstruct, improve, extend, enlarge, equip, repair, maintain, and operate any airport and other ~~industrial facilities, (including tire and automobile testing and racing,)~~ and commercial and industrial facilities, which may be located on the property of the authority. Nothing in this act shall exempt the Sebring Airport Authority from the provisions of chapter 333, Florida Statutes.

(14) To contract with other governmental entities to operate airports, airfields, ~~and other related facilities~~ and services, including providing all personnel, tools, equipment, supervision, and other materials and services required therefor.

(15) To establish, operate, and maintain foreign-trade zone status under the alternative site framework in DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties and the Cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay.

Section 8. (1) No contract for the construction, repair, or alteration of any facility or part of the same, or the purchase of equipment, services, or supplies involving an expenditure of more than \$10,000, shall be awarded by the authority unless the authority advertises for sealed bids at least once a week for 2 consecutive weeks and such contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. However, the authority may reject all bids.

(2) The authority may purchase commodities or contractual services from the purchasing agreements of other special districts, municipalities, or counties as provided in section 189.4221, Florida Statutes.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 21, 2011.

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