

14 October 2025

To: All Members

Subject: Expression of Interest – Development of Rene Mouawad - Qlayaat Airport (OLKA), Lebanon

Dear Members,

The Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) wishes to inform its members that the Ministry of Public Works and Transport of Lebanon has issued a **non-binding Expression of Interest (EOI)** as part of a market-sounding exercise for the project titled: "**Development of Rene Mouawad – Qlayaat Airport (OLKA)**".

This preliminary process aims to assess market interest and gather information from potential investors, operators, and companies with relevant experience in airport development, management, or related infrastructure projects.

Interested companies are invited to review and complete Schedule A (Acknowledgement Form) and Schedule B (List of Required Documents), as attached.

Please note that: The EOI is non-binding and intended solely for market sounding purposes. Participation at this stage does not constitute prequalification or a commitment on behalf of either party. The Ministry reserves the right to amend or cancel the process without liability. Completed forms and supporting documentation should be submitted directly to the Ministry of Public Works and Transport of Lebanon by the specified deadline.

For further clarification or assistance, interested companies may contact the CCCI International Relations and Economic Diplomacy Department at lily@ccci.org.cy or by telephone at 22889706.

Sincerely,

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Date: October 3, 2025
Ref.: 2245/S

Project: Development of Rene Mouawad - Qlayaat Airport (OLKA)
Subject: Invitation for non-binding Expression of Interest (EOI)

Project Overview:

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport is pleased to invite you to submit a non-binding Expression of Interest (EOI) for the participation in the planned Development of Rene Mouawad Airport (OLKA), located in Qlayaat, Lebanon.

This non-binding EOI is issued for market analysis purposes prior to the launch of the development project of OLKA. It does not constitute any engagement on behalf of the Ministry nor any prequalification or invitation to compete in the development of OLKA. Any subsequent procurement will be conducted under the applicable laws, with detailed conditions, and eligibility criteria. The Ministry may amend, reissue, or cancel this process in its entirety at any time without liability to participants.

This strategic national initiative is part of Lebanon's broader objective and vision to develop the country's aviation infrastructure that aims to stimulate a robust national and regional economic growth, enhance regional connectivity, promote intermodal transportation, and create a sustainable approach for airport development in partnership with the private sector.

The Airport and its Impact on Regional and National Economic Growth

Strategically located near the Syrian Lebanese borders, with an easy access to the Eastern Mediterranean, in addition to enhancing regional connectivity and economic growth in Northern Lebanon, the development of OLKA into a regional airport will enhance the overall national airport infrastructure that will create new socio-economic opportunities

Once developed, OLKA is expected to serve and enhance regional connectivity and economic growth objectives of Northern Lebanon, home to over one million residents. Overall, Airports are known to be economic engines that play a significant role in the overall growth regional and national economics. This would be especially the case in Lebanon due to the size of the country. The airport's strategic location, with direct access to a major highway artery (Minieh & Arida Highway) and proximity to the Lebanese Syrian highway and the Mediterranean Sea, presents significant potential for other forms of economic development. This would make OLKA a cargo hub by attracting agricultural processing plants, warehousing, manufacturing of consumer goods, consumer retail outlets, and other services. OLKA is also an ideal location for flight training and aviation education.

If implemented, OLKA development project will be carried out through a competitive process that targets early involvement of potential investors during the planning phases, therefore, enabling input that could help shape the project for a mutually beneficial.

The selected investor/s might be expected for financing the initial capital expenditure (CAPEX) for the construction and development of the airport infrastructure. The selected investor/s might have the opportunity to sub-concession and creating opportunities to partner with specialty operators to optimize a sustainable financial structure and capacity. The Government of Lebanon might support the project by offering a wide range of incentives to attract and encourage investment in this regional airport, and therefore, ensuring a competitive and appealing investment environment.



Indicative Scope of Work (Landside, Terminal Building and Airside).

- Design development, financing, and construction of airport infrastructure and facilities.
- Rehabilitation and upgrade of an existing 3,000 m x 45 m runway, associated taxiways, signage and marking systems, aprons, aircraft fire fighting, airfield lighting system, navigational aids, fueling, and drainage systems.
- Construction of new facilities, including:
 - Passenger terminal building.
 - Cargo handling facilities.
 - Aircraft maintenance hangar.
 - Airside vehicle staging area.
 - Landside car parking and public access roads.
 - Security / Access Control.
 - Public Safety facility.
 - Baggage handling system.
 - Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure.
 - Facilities of public utilities.
- Rehabilitation of existing buildings that are in fair condition to support Phase 1 operations.
- Airport regulatory compliance including certification, operations and maintenance practices in accordance with ICAO Standards and Lebanese Civil Aviation regulations.

The total site area under development covers approximately 5.5 million square meters, with the construction period estimated at 30 months from contract commencement.

Attached hereto is the conceptual master plan layout for the development of OLKA (Sept 2025).

Expression of Interest Submission

You are kindly requested to submit the following as part of your EOI package:

- Schedule A: Acknowledgement Form, to confirm your willingness to submit an EOI,
- Schedule B: List of Required Documents

The complete non-binding EOI package must be received no later than **November 7, 2025**, and addressed to:

Project: Development of Rene Mouawad Airport. OLKA
Ministry of Public Works and Transport
Beirut, Lebanon
Email: minister@mopw.gov.lb



Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact:

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We look forward to receiving your Expression of Interest.

Yours sincerely,

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