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## Announcement

### Tender for obtaining a new low-cost national carrier license at King Fahd International Airport in Dammam

With the aim of raising competitiveness, enhancing the quality of services provided to travelers, and achieving the targets of the national aviation sector's strategic plan to reach 330 million passengers and increase the number of international destinations to over 250 by 2030.

The General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia invites all interested investors to apply for the public tender to obtain a low-cost national carrier license to operate domestic and international flights from King Fahd International Airport in Dammam. Interested applicants should send an official letter through email ([DMMRFP@gaca.gov.sa](mailto:DMMRFP@gaca.gov.sa)) to request the tender documents, including the applicant's details and contact information.

The winning bidder of the low-cost national carrier license will be granted the following benefits:

1. Freedom to choose domestic routes from King Fahd International Airport to other airports in the Kingdom.
2. Operation of international flights from King Fahd International Airport in Dammam in accordance with the international

bilateral international agreements concluded by the General Authority of Civil Aviation in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

- submitting bids will begin from the date of this announcement, and the submission deadline will be on 14/02/2024 (04/08/1445 AH), from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- Bids should be sent in a sealed and stamped envelope to the Executive Vice President of the Economic Policies and Logistics Services Sector at the General Authority of Civil Aviation, P.O. Box 8691, Riyadh 13443, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. An encrypted electronic copy should also be sent to ([DMMRFP@gaca.gov.sa](mailto:DMMRFP@gaca.gov.sa)), addressed to the Economic Policies and Logistics Services Sector, with the secret code must be sent on the same day the bids are opened, which is 15/02/2024 (05/08/1445 AH).
- Inquiries can be submitted during the bid submission period via email ([DMMRFP@gaca.gov.sa](mailto:DMMRFP@gaca.gov.sa)) until 12.00 pm on 08/02/2024 (27/07/1445 AH). Answers will be provided to all applicants, and any inquiries submitted by applicants other than the email above will be ignored, and any inquiries that may affect the tender procedures or disclose any confidential data related to the tender will not be answered.
- Bids will be open on 15/02/2024 (05/08/1445 AH), and all applicants will be invited to attend the bid opening and documentation of the submitted bids.
- In case of a discrepancy between the paper and electronic bids, the bidder will be immediately excluded. No bids will be accepted after the specified deadline.

- The tender will be awarded to only one low-cost national carrier, based on the evaluation criteria approved in the tender documents.