

Request for Proposal (RFP)

Host City Airport for the inaugural Pulitzer Electric Aircraft Race

1. Introduction:

The Advanced Air Mobility Institute (AAM Institute) is now accepting proposals from qualified airports and cities across the United States to host an historic electric air race event. This event aims to promote advancements in sustainable aviation technologies, provide public engagement, and support the growth of the Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) industry. The race will feature high-performance electric aircraft and state-of-the-art mobile charging stations and facilities, further highlighting the city's role as a leader in sustainability. The selected host airport/city will play a pivotal role in advancing sustainable aviation technology and welcoming supporting innovative technology companies to showcase their involvement in the AAM ecosystem. Questions about this RFP can be submitted via email format to one or all of the contacts listed below.

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2. Proposal Submission Details:

~~**Deadline: January 25th, 2025, 5:00pm EST**~~

Extended Deadline: January 31st, 2025, 5:00pm EST

Submission Format:

Electronic (PDF) Copy submitted through www.pulizertrophy.com.

3. Event Overview:

The Pulitzer Electric Aircraft Race will feature cutting-edge electric aircraft competing in a series of challenges. The event is expected to attract aviation enthusiasts, industry leaders, and international media coverage. The AAM Institute is seeking a weekend in October of 2025, preferably on the days of October 8th through 12th, with the actual race events held on the 10th and 11th. These dates coincide with the historic One Hundred Year Anniversary of the ***Pulitzer Trophy Air Race***.

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This event will showcase the greatest diversity of design and capabilities on the national stage. Event details will be further discussed with the host city regarding additional demo flights and static displays, spectator viewing areas, food vendors and trucks, other foundations and institutions display of historic aircraft to truly feature the legacy and future of aviation.

4. Pulitzer Prize History:

The Pulitzer Trophy Air Race was the marquee event of the National Air Races in the early 1920s, as aviation itself was struggling to achieve Public Acceptance in the United States. The Pulitzer Race, under the direction of Brigadier General Billy Mitchell was first held on November 25, 1920 at Mitchell Field in Garden City, Long Island, New York. Capt. Corliss Moseley, flying a Verville-Packard VCP-R racer won with a speed of 156 mph. This speed race spurred progress in aerospace engineering to increase nearly 100 mph in just 6 years, ending in 1925.

The Pulitzer Electric Aircraft Race will revive a century of American Aviation Heritage. After 100 years dormant, it's time to bring back the Pulitzer Race legacy to inspire a new class of aviators.

5. Advanced Air Mobility Institute:

Advanced Air Mobility is the emerging aviation ecosystem that leverages revolutionary new aircraft and a broad array of innovative technologies to safely, quickly, and sustainably move people and goods among local destinations to connect communities underserved by existing modes of transportation.

The Advanced Air Mobility Institute is an international non-profit research center dedicated to educating and advocating for the broadest public benefit through the aviation ecosystem globally. Ultimately, the AAM Institute is committed to protecting people, their rights, and the systems we rely on. We seek to accelerate access to these new technologies in an ethical and responsible way. We maintain three guiding principles:

- Safety - AAM needs to build a robust safety culture where data drives learning. Moreover, AAM technology should be available immediately to public safety agencies in order to expedite response time and thereby save more lives. We promote Drones as First Responder (DFR) programs as well as eVTOL as Air Medical Service (eAMS).

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- Dignity - The Institute will continually engage with Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) and citizens throughout the world to provide education and honest assessments regarding the state of AAM in their community. We are committed to ensuring that AAM is both sustainable & affordable in a way that the benefits of this new ecosystem are shared in accordance with the Net Zero CO2 Emission goal and the spirit of the Justice40 Initiative. We are building a Multi-stakeholder Initiative (MSI) to advocate for fair policies & practices through the Autonomous Transportation Public Trust Initiative (ATPTI).
- Resilience - With an eye toward the future, the Institute promotes systems resilience. We will rally decision makers to invest in youth STEM education and implement proactive cybersecurity measures well before the dawn of cryptographically-relevant quantum computers. AAM is designed to more quickly transport people and goods but a failure here will jeopardize reliability and eliminate time savings. In fact, we seek necessary amendments to the UN treaties on Aircraft Hijacking. Finally, we must ensure that the transition from licensed pilots to self-flying aircraft occurs only when AI can categorically reduce human error as proven through the Green AAM Pilot's Association (GrAAMPA).

6. Air Race Eligibility:

Specific Aircraft Race Eligibility, Pre-Race Activities, Air Race Equipment, Race Conduct, Post-Race Activities and Safety Expectations for teams and entrants can be found on the event website. A maximum of twenty-four (24) electric aircraft race crews will be allowed to participate over the duration of the event.

7. Rule for Award of Host City:

The most advantageous proposal from an ideal candidate takes into careful consideration the evaluation criteria as set forth below. Provide as much relevance and guidance with the submission regarding the following host and property description. Provide PDF copies of geographic maps, aircraft traffic patterns, and general description of facility layout capable of supporting an air race event with the submission. The following will be used to rate the proposals; Highly Advantageous, Advantageous, and Unacceptable.

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- *Highly Advantageous:* The proposal contains a clear and comprehensive plan that addresses and/or complies with all of the core elements and requirements stated in the RFP.
- *Advantageous:* The proposal contains a clear and comprehensive plan that addresses and/or complies with most of the core elements and requirements stated in the RFP.
- *Unacceptable:* The proposal does not contain a clear plan that addresses and/or complies with most of the core elements and requirements stated in the RFP.

8. Airport Requirements:

A) Facility Capacity

- Facility Layout and Description, this may include any relevant maps including, but not limited to, the Airport Facility Directory, Form 5100
- Availability of hangar or storage space for event preparation.

B) Charging Infrastructure

- Capacity to accommodate multiple electric aircraft charging stations, and mobile charging units.
- Power grid compatibility for high-capacity charging units.
- Dedicated areas for installation of temporary or permanent charging equipment (Preferred).

C) Event Hosting Experience

- Documented history of hosting air shows, aviation expos, or similar events including estimated attendance.
- Staff with experience in event coordination and FAA compliance.

D) Safety and Security Compliance

- Compliance with FAA and TSA regulation (if applicable).
- Emergency response capabilities including fire, EMS, and law enforcement support.

E) Community Engagement

- Demonstrated experience in working with local businesses and community organizations.
- Strategies for local, regional, and national public outreach and education about sustainable aviation.

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9. Evaluation Criteria:

- **Experience and Qualifications (30%):**
 - Proven track record in hosting aviation events.
 - Certifications and compliance with safety regulations.
- **Infrastructure and Facilities (30%):**
 - Suitability of facilities and availability of necessary equipment.
- **Sustainability and Innovation (20%):**
 - Ability to support electric aircraft and sustainability-focused initiatives.
- **Community Impact (20%):**
 - Strategies to promote public engagement and economic benefits.

10. Proposal Elements:

- I. **Cover Letter:** Brief introduction and summary of qualifications. It is highly encouraged to include a letter from the Airport Sponsor and City Administrator in support of this historic event.
- II. **Airport Capabilities:** Detailed description of infrastructure, facilities, and services.
- III. **Event Hosting Experience:** Examples of similar past events.
- IV. **Infrastructure Plan:** Plans for charging stations and related power.
- V. **Provide an estimated amount allocated to financially support the air race event:** Estimated contributions, including infrastructure setup and staffing.
- VI. **Safety and Security Plan:** Overview of safety measures and compliance procedures.
- VII. **Community Engagement Plan:** Strategies for outreach and partnerships.
- VIII. **Supplemental Information:** Additional details, maps, or images relevant to the proposal.

11. Timeline:

- **RFP Release Date:** 01/15/2025
- **Proposal Submission Deadline:** 01/25/2025
- **Award Notification:** 02/10/2025

We look forward to receiving your proposal and working together to showcase the future of sustainable aviation!