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Choose Aerospace, Inc. Releases Invitation to Bid, Solicits Second Round of Proposals to Develop Aviation Technical Curriculum for High Schools

JENKS, OK – Choose Aerospace, Inc. is soliciting bids from potential partners to support development of standard aviation technical curriculum. The project is in support of one of the organization’s key objectives: to expand aviation career and technical training and associated career pathways.

This past spring, the organization published a request for proposal (RFP) soliciting ideas and identifying potential partners for its initial project: to create curriculum that aligns with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) mechanic airman certification standards (ACS). The [invitation to bid \(ITB\)](#) seeks additional information to support a refined project scope and to better understand and baseline each vendor’s proposed product, terms, and costs.

“Fourteen organizations submitted proposals to the RFP, introducing lots of ideas and new technologies that will greatly enhance aviation technical training,” said Choose Aerospace President and AAR Corp Vice President Workforce Development Ryan Goertzen. “We learned a lot during that process, including the need for a refined approach that focuses on an area where we see the biggest need and opportunity.”

The ITB focuses on a high school student audience and development of curriculum that aligns with the general portion of the FAA ACS. The final product will give high schools the opportunity to adopt aviation technical curriculum without the high costs generally associated with those types of programs; and for AMTS, it will create new enrollment streams of students that have already taken the general portion of the airframe and powerplant curriculum.

“We see this as an amazing opportunity to reach students in underserved and minority communities while growing the pipeline” said Goertzen. “It’s a big undertaking, but one we think will make a real and positive impact on training, diversity, and career opportunity.”

Responses to the ITB are due Dec. 1 to Crystal Maguire at crystal.maguire@atec-amt.org.

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About Choose Aerospace, Inc. Choose Aerospace is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting aerospace technical careers. It is a partnership of stakeholders within professional aviation and aerospace industries, joined together to address one of the biggest threats to continued industry growth: the availability of a diverse, qualified technical workforce. Choose Aerospace is facilitated through the [Aviation Technician Education Council](#), a trade association representing aviation technical education.