

Guyana eyes plans for two regional airports

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The Guyana government has issued a request for proposals (RFP) for the design, construction, and financing of two new municipal airports that it says forms part of the drive to modernise the country's aviation infrastructure and boost regional connectivity. 'Through these major investments, the government is reaffirming its commitment to expanding safe, efficient, and modern air transport infrastructure across Guyana, laying the foundation for stronger regional integration and sustained national development,' the Ministry of Public Utilities and Aviation (MoPUA) said in a statement.

The ministry reported under the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures outlined in the Procurement Act 2003, qualified firms are invited to submit proposals for the engineering, procurement, construction, and financing (EPC+ F) of a Code 3C Municipal Airport at Rose Hall, Canje, Berbice, Region Six.

'The new airport will strengthen domestic and regional air transport, unlocking new opportunities for trade, tourism, and economic growth along the East Berbice corridor.' The ministry said that at the same time, the government is seeking proposals for a Code 4E Municipal Airport in Lethem, Region Nine, 'a transformative undertaking expected to position the Rupununi as a key aviation gateway connecting southern Guyana to Brazil and the wider Latin American market'.

The ministry said that the facility will be capable of accommodating larger aircraft, expanding cross-border commercial activity and passenger traffic.

It said that complementing these flagship projects, the government is also inviting bids for the rehabilitation and upgrading of priority hinterland and coastal airstrips and that 'these works will improve flight safety, reliability, and yearround access for remote communities, ensuring better support for Medevac services, commerce, and essential government operations'.

The acquisition of RFP documents begins Thursday with pre-proposal conferences taking place on February 27 and March 4, 2026.

'All proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes to the Chairman of the National Procurement and Tender Administration Board, Ministry of Finance, by the stipulated deadlines in March and April 2026. Late or electronic submissions will not be accepted.'