

ONI INAUGURATES COMMITTEE ON EKITI AIRPORT

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Ekiti State Government has taken a major step towards the construction of the proposed Ado-Ekiti airport with the inauguration of an 8-man committee on the implementation of the project by Governor Segun Oni.

Speaking at the ceremony in Ado-Ekiti, Governor Oni said though the state government has received so many offers from investors interested in the project, it was yet to decide whether to construct the project directly or enter into a build-operate and transfer agreement with some of the major firms that have indicated interest in the airport project.

He disclosed that a suitable piece of land for the project stretching from Ijan Road in Ado-Ekiti to Igbemo and Afao in Irepodun/Ifelodun Local Government Area has been identified for the project.

Oni who said he and other top functionaries had already met with traditional rulers of the affected communities on the need to allow Government surveyors have access to the proposed site said the owners of the land of the project site would be adequately compensated.

While stressing that the project was germane to the economic development of the state he urged members of the committee to put in their best in order to ensure speedy completion of the project.

Responding, the chairman of the committee who is also the Chief of Staff to the Governor, Mr Samuel Adekunle, assured that the committee would take steps to ensure the project is delivered within three years.

Members of the committee include the state commissioner for

Public Utilities, Mr Dele Agbede, and Commissioner for lands, Hon Kayode Babade, Commissioner for Finance, Mr Tunji Adeniyi and the SSA Special Duties, Dr Ayo Ajayi.

Others are Acting Surveyor General, Mr F.O Osalusi, the state airport consultant, Alhaji A.A. Lawal and Mr M.K. Ojo of the Government House and Protocol who is to serve as secretary.