Thursday, April 10, 2008

## Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 20

**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with URS CORPORATION, A NEVADA CORPORATION, Austin, Texas for engineering services for Austin-Bergstrom International Airport Airfield Lighting Improvements and Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation in the amount of \$410,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Aviation Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program) and Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goal with 46.27% DBE subconsultant participation to date.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Austin Airport Advisory Commission.

**Prior Council Action:** April 7, 2005 City Council approved a request for professional services contract with URS CORPORATION, A NEVADA CORPORATION.

January 31, 2008 City Council approved a request for a construction contract with EAS CONTRACTING, LP.

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) is one of the first airports to be built under the Base Realignment and Closure Commission. Airport planners utilized Bergstrom's existing 12,250 foot runway and added a second, shorter 9,000 foot runway parallel to the first. These dual runways allow aircraft to land and take off simultaneously. Air cargo carriers started flying from the 12,250 foot runway at the new airport on June 30, 1997, two years before passenger operations began in 1999. Airport construction was completed and the airport opened in 1999 for passenger flights with the current lighting and paving facilities. The deterioration of the lighting and paving systems has reached a point where both systems need upgrading and rehabilitation to various degrees to maintain airport operations in a safe and efficient manner.

The purpose of the work is to upgrade and modernize the airfield lighting system and to provide rehabilitative repairs and improvements to the airfield pavement system. The City Council approved the construction contract to EAS Contracting, LP on January 31, 2008.

The anticipated dates of work are approximately April 2008 through June 2009. The contract allows for 398 calendar days for final completion.

The reason for this amendment is to secure funding for professional engineering services for the construction phase and Resident Project Representative (Inspection) services.