Thursday, May 21, 2009

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 14

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of amendment #3 to the professional services agreement with URS CORPORATION, A NEVADA CORPORATION, Austin, TX, for engineering services for Austin-Bergstrom International Airport Airfield Lighting Improvements and Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation in the amount of \$100,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$869,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Aviation Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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MBE/WBE: This contract amendment will be awarded in compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program) and Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 52.12% DBE sub-consultant 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; April 10, 2008 City Council approved a request for professional services contract amendment with URS CORPORATION, A NEVADA CORPORATION.

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) is one of the first airports to be built under the Base Realignment and Closure Commission. Airport planners utilized ABIA'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.

Construction began April 25, 2008 and is 75% complete. The contract allows for 477 calendar days for final completion.

The reason for this amendment is to secure additional funding for professional engineering services for the Construction Phase and Resident Project Representative (inspection) services. The professional

engineering service for the Construction Phase now has a longer contract time because the construction contract was extended 39 days to accommodate for unknown and unanticipated site conditions that were encountered during construction. This necessitates the extension of Construction Phase engineering and inspection services.