



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a design build agreement with Whiting-Turner Contracting Company for existing terminal centralized baggage handling system upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$16,000,000.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with 49 CFR Part 26 and City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 12.23% DBE participation.]

### **Lead Department**

Capital Contracting Office

### **Managing Department(s)**

Department of Aviation

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Budget of the Department of Aviation.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Best Value to the City of Austin of three offers received.

### **Prior Council Action:**

June 20, 2019 - City Council authorized use of Design-Build methodology.

### **For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov).

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749 or the Project Manager, Rohini Kumara, 512-530-7547.

### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

To be reviewed by the Airport Advisory Commission on October 8, 2019.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

On June 20, 2019, Council authorized the use of a design-build project delivery method in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 2269, Subchapter G; by which a governmental entity contracts with a single entity to provide both design and construction services for the Existing Terminal Centralized Baggage Handling System Upgrades project.

The design-build contract is recommended for award to the Design-Builder providing the best value to the City, as established through a qualifications-based selection process. A design-build solicitation is a 2-Step Process consisting of Request for Qualifications and Request for Additional Information. A diverse City-staffed

evaluation panel comprised of technical experts, reviews, scores, and shortlists Design-Builder firms. The result of which is the selection of the highest-ranked firm. Council's authorization is requested to negotiate and execute an agreement with the highest ranked firm to begin design phase services. DBE goals are initially established for the design phase services only. When design is sufficiently complete and prior to Construction Phase, DBE goals will be established based on identified construction trades.

This contract will allow the Department of Aviation staff to work with a highly-qualified Design-Build firm to explore design alternatives, costs, locations, and a construction schedule for baggage handling system (BHS) upgrades while considering the 2040 ABIA Masterplan and future operational requirements. The initial amount of \$16,000,000 is the estimated cost to implement short-term upgrades to the system. Additional estimated cost to implement long-term upgrades to the system is \$78,000,000. For a total project cost of \$94,000,000. Staff will return to Council for additional authorization as needed. The ABIA Masterplan includes a long-term reconfiguration and replacement of the BHS. This contract will consider alternatives to bridge the gap in BHS performance over the next few years or may recommend acceleration of certain Masterplan projects. This request supports Department of Aviation's aggressive construction schedule required to continue to operate a safe, comfortable, and sustainable airport and related facilities.

The Department of Aviation is requesting Council authorization to negotiate and execute the design-build contract for preliminary, design, and construction phase services for this project. The preliminary and design phase includes schematic design, design development, construction documents, constructability reviews, value engineering, cost estimating, scheduling, development of a safety program, quality assurance, site security, environmental protection plans, permitting, pre-construction services, DBE subcontractor outreach and all other services associated with the development of work packages for construction phase services.

With Council's authorization of this request, staff will negotiate with the highest ranked firm that offers the best value to the City based on published selection criteria. Should the City be unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement for services with the highest ranked firm, said firm will be notified in writing that negotiations will cease. Pursuant to statute, staff will then proceed to negotiate with the next firm in the order of selection ranking.

The contract allows for completion of this project by February 2022. This project is located within zip code 78719 (District 2).

Whiting Turner Contracting Company is located in Austin, Texas.