



REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES WITH COFFMAN ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR THE PREPARATION OF NEPA AND CEQA ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION FOR RUNWAY MODIFICATIONS AT FRESNO CHANDLER EXECUTIVE AIRPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$609,580.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council authorize the Director of Aviation to execute a professional consulting services agreement between the City and Coffman Associates, Inc. (Coffman) for the preparation of NEPA and CEQA environmental documentation for runway modifications at Fresno Chandler Executive Airport (FCH) in the amount of \$609,580.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The runway length (Runway 12/30) at FCH is not sufficient to accommodate all types of aircraft at full gross weight that are currently operating at the airport. In hot summer months and in wet conditions some types of aircraft must operate at reduced gross weights. The Department of Airports (Department) completed a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funded Airport Layout Plan (ALP) Narrative, which (i) verified the need to address weight restricted operations, and (ii) studied viable alternatives and related Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) design standards to modify and extend the runway. Under this new agreement Coffman and Associates will provide the necessary environmental analyses to determine the best possible alternative to minimize restricted operations at FCH (Project) that were identified in the previous study.

In accordance with FAA regulations and City of Fresno policy, a competitive Request for Qualification (RFQ) selection process was conducted to identify qualified consultants to conduct NEPA and CEQA environmental studies related to future projects at both City airports. As per FAA regulations, the recruitment was for FAA funded Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants that can be reasonably executed within 5 years. A total of eight (8) statements of qualifications were received. Coffman Associates of Kansas City, which has substantial experience with similar type and size airport's, was selected as the most qualified professional consultant to provide Project environmental services. The FAA requires that a specialized national recruitment process be conducted for these consulting assignments, which prohibits the use of any local preferences.

BACKGROUND

The scope of work under this agreement will be conducted in two phases. Phase 1 will, (i) re-evaluate FCH's existing operations and forecasted growth considering the current economic trend, and (ii) reconfirm, and refine if necessary, Project alternatives. Phase 2 will begin once the Department and FAA have concurrence on Phase 1 work, and includes the preparation of all necessary environmental documents.

This Project is the final step in a multiyear process which began in 2005 with the FAA funded ALP Narrative effort. The overall timeline is subject to FAA funding and their approval processes. Completion under this agreement is anticipated to occur in mid-2012 and completion of all future work associated with this Project is estimated to be in 2017.

The FAA has reviewed the consultant's scope of work and fee schedule and concurs with this recommendation. The Department requests the City Council authorize the Director of Aviation to execute an agreement with Coffman Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$609,580 to provide necessary NEPA and CEQA environmental studies and documentation for this Project.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this Project is provided by FAA AIP grant funds (95%), Measure C Regional Transportation Program funds (2.5%), from a Caltrans Aviation through California Aid to Airports grant (2.5%), and is included in the FY 2011 Adopted Budget. There is no impact to the General Fund from this action.