

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Council District: 11

To: The Mayor

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Communication from the Department of Airports dated June 3, 2021; referred by the Mayor for a report on June 3, 2021

Subject: **PROPOSED SECOND AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT DA-5262 WITH AUSTIN COMMERCIAL, LP FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE CELLULAR DISTRIBUTED ANTENNA SYSTEM INITIATIVE AT LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Mayor:

1. Concur with the findings of the Board of Airport Commissioners that any activity (approval of bids, execution of contract, allocation of funds, etc.) for which the underlying project has been previously evaluated for environmental significance, and processed according to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is exempt from further review pursuant to Article II, Section 2.i of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines. The Landside Access Modernization Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified by the Board of Airport Commissioners for this project on March 2, 2017 (Resolution No. 26185);
2. Approve a proposed Second Amendment to Contract DA-5262 with Austin Commercial, LP for design, construction, and project management services, for a total of \$667,448, to support the Cellular Distributed Antenna System Initiative at Los Angeles World Airports, subject to City Attorney approval as to form and compliance with the City's Standard Provisions, including: Service Contractor Worker Retention and Living Wage Ordinance, Affirmative Action Program, Business Tax Registration Certification, Child Support Obligations Ordinance, Insurance Documents, Charter Section 1022, Contractor Responsibility Program, First Source Hiring Program, Bidder Contributions City Ethics Commission Form 55, Municipal Lobbying Ordinance Bidder Contributions City Ethics Commission Form 50, and the Iran Contracting Act;
3. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the proposed Second Amendment to Contract DA-5262, upon approval by the Los Angeles City Council, and prior to the execution of the Second Amendment, Austin Commercial, LP must be determined by Public Works, Office of Contract Compliance to be in full compliance with the provisions of the Equal Benefits Ordinance; and
4. Return the request to the Los Angeles World Airports for further processing, including Council consideration.

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) requests approval of a proposed Second Amendment to Contract DA-5262 with Austin Commercial, LP to provide design, construction, and project management services, totaling \$667,448, for the Cellular Distributed Antenna System Initiative, as part of the Terminal Cores and Automated People Mover Interface Project at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

The Cellular Distributed Antenna System consists of spatially separated antenna nodes designed to connect to a common source for cellular wireless service within a specific geographic area. The proposed Second Amendment will allow Austin Commercial to provide the design, construction, and installation of the supporting infrastructure for the Cellular Distributed Antenna System in the Tom Bradley International Terminal (TBIT) Vertical Circulation Cores, and the Terminal 5.5 Vertical Circulation Core at LAX.

LAWA reports that existing cellular communication performance in the LAX campus has been inconsistent, resulting in a poor guest experience when guests use cellular networks for voice and data communication. In March 2018, the BOAC approved Non-Exclusive License Agreements with the four major cellular service providers (Verizon, AT&T, Sprint, and T-Mobile), which enabled installation of required infrastructure within the LAX campus to improve cellular coverage. Under the terms of the Non-Exclusive License Agreements, the service providers will install any necessary infrastructure to improve their service, and they will pay for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of any such infrastructure deployed at LAX.

The installation of the Cellular Distributed Antenna System typically requires the cellular service providers to install base infrastructure in existing facilities, which will support cellular equipment and antennas. However, this approach is not efficient for terminals or facilities undergoing construction. LAWA indicates that it would be more efficient and economical to implement the Cellular Distributed Antenna System solution as part of the ongoing construction. Currently, Austin Commercial is constructing the TBIT Vertical Circulation Cores and the Terminal 5.5 Vertical Circulation Core at LAX, and according to LAWA, it would be more expedient, cost effective, and customer-friendly for Austin Commercial to complete the work for the Cellular Distributed Antenna System. Austin Commercial will complete the design and construction to install horizontal and vertical electrical conduits, and cable trays from Information Technology rooms to various access point locations. The work will begin June 2021 with an anticipated completion date of July 2022.

In January 2018, the BOAC awarded a two-phase, five-year design-build contract (DA-5262) to Austin Commercial for comprehensive engineering, design, demolition, pre-construction, and construction services for the Terminal Cores and Automated People Mover Interface Project with a contract authority of \$336,531,000. In September 2019, the BOAC approved a First Amendment (DA-5262A) to increase the contract authority by \$61,869,876, approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$398,400,876 for base buildings and three additional scopes of work for the Terminal Cores and Automated People Mover Interface. The BOAC amended the program budget and appropriated remaining funds to the project in October 2019.

Procurement Services has reviewed this item (File No. 8148) and established a mandatory 20 percent Small Business Enterprise (SBE), 7 percent Local Business Enterprise (LBE), 5 percent Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE), and 3 percent Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise

(DVBE) goals for this project. Austin Commercial has committed to 20 percent SBE, 7 percent LBE, 5 percent LSBE, and 3 percent DVBE participation, and to date, it has achieved 25.01 percent SBE, 37.76 percent LBE, 13.6 percent LSBE, and 1.94 percent DVBE.

LAWA's 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan include three Terminal Vertical Core/s Projects, including improvements at TBIT, Terminal 5.5, and Terminal 7, with a combined total budget of \$489,776,581. All hard costs associated with the scope of work in the proposed Second Amendment are fully reimbursable by the various cellular providers under the Master Cost Reimbursement Agreement (Resolution No. 26870). Additionally, the projects have sufficient soft cost budget to absorb costs associated with LAWA's oversight of this work.

The BOAC approved the proposed Second Amendment at its meeting on June 3, 2021. Actions taken on this item by the BOAC will become final pursuant to the provisions of Los Angeles City Charter Section 373.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the proposed Second Amendment to Contract DA-5262 with Austin Commercial, LP for design, construction, and project management services, for a total of \$667,448, to support the Cellular Distributed Antenna System Initiative will have no impact on the General Fund. This item complies with the Department's adopted Financial Policies.

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