



Los Angeles World Airports

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REPORT TO THE BOARD OF AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS

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SUBJECT

Approve the First Amendment to Contract DA-5331 with Bear Communications, Inc. to extend the term through October 31, 2023, for ongoing radio system maintenance, repair, and technical support services, and equipment purchases for the Analog Conventional and Related Radio Communications Systems at Los Angeles World Airports.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Management RECOMMENDS that the Board of Airport Commissioners:

- ADOPT the Staff Report.
- DETERMINE that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II, Section 2.f. of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
- FIND that the work can be performed more economically or feasibly by an independent contractor than by City employees.
- FURTHER FIND that, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 10.15(a)(10) and Los Angeles Charter Section 371(e)(10), the services to be provided under this contract involve the performance of professional, expert, technical, and other special services such that the use of competitive bidding would be impractical and undesirable.

5. **APPROVE** the First Amendment to Contract DA-5331 with Bear Communications, Inc. to extend the term through October 31, 2023, with no additional contract authority requested. Contract DA-5331 with Bear Communications, Inc. is for ongoing radio system maintenance, repair, and technical support services, and equipment purchases for the Analog Conventional and Related Radio Communications Systems at Los Angeles World Airports.
6. **AUTHORIZE** the Chief Executive Officer or designee to execute the contract amendment after approval as to form by the City Attorney and approval by the Los Angeles City Council.

DISCUSSION

1. Purpose

To ensure the continuation of ongoing maintenance, repair, technical support services, and equipment purchases for the critical Analog Conventional and Related Radio Communications Systems at Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), a two-year contract extension is needed to allow time for the completion of a competitive process.

2. Prior Related Actions

- **November 1, 2018 – Resolution No. 26638 (DA-5331)**
The Board of Airport Commissioners (Board) approved a three-year contract (DA-5331) with Bear Communications, Inc. (Bear Communications) for radio system maintenance, repair, related services, and equipment purchases for Los Angeles World Airports for an amount not to exceed \$2,344,000. Contract DA-5331 will expire on November 18, 2021.

3. Current Action

Los Angeles World Airports currently uses Bear Communications to provide maintenance and repair services for the Analog Conventional Radio system, existing analog radios, the Van Nuys Airport Pilot-Controlled Lighting System, and covert alarms at terminals and security posts. This contract also is used to purchase hand-held, mobile, Public Safety Distributed Antenna System (DAS), and related radio system equipment and technical support services.

The Trunked Radio Communications System Upgrade project migrated all public safety radios to the 700MHz digital radio system. This system relies on network communications for operation. In the event of a network failure, the Analog Conventional Radio system serves as a backup to the digital radio system, allowing Airport Police to continue public safety operations. The Facilities Maintenance Division (FMD) received radios that are capable of working on both the analog and digital radio systems. The FMD radios are currently operating on the analog system and will be transitioned to the 700 MHz digital system by Q3 2022. In the interim, the analog radio system is needed to support FMD's 300 handheld radios and 170 mobile radios.

The maintenance services provided under this amendment provide technical support, including onsite support, annual preventive maintenance, and repair and replacement of inoperable field equipment. Additionally, this contract will enable LAWA to purchase maintenance services for the public safety Distributed Antennae System installed under the

capital construction projects, including West Gates at Tom Bradley International Terminal, Terminal 1.5, Airport Police Facility, and Intermodal Transportation Facility West. The amended contract end date of 10/31/23 is coterminous with the Motorola Radio contract. The Request for Proposals/Bids will include scope for analog and digital radio maintenance and support services, thereby, replacing the Bear Communications and Motorola radio contracts with one (1) radio maintenance contract.

Action Requested

Staff requests that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer or designee to execute the First Amendment to Contract No. DA-5331 with Bear Communications, Inc. to extend the term through October 31, 2023, for ongoing radio system maintenance, repair, and support services, and equipment purchases for the Analog Conventional and Related Radio Communications Systems at Los Angeles World Airports.

Contract expenditures are as follows:

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EXPENDITURES	
Description	Expenditure
Base Maintenance Services	\$881,403
Support for Spare Parts, Equipment Repairs, & As-Needed Services	\$338,283
Total Expenditures to Date	\$1,219,686
Current Not-to-Exceed Amount	\$2,344,000
Remaining Contract Authority	\$1,124,314

ESTIMATED SERVICES AND EXPENDITURES UNDER FIRST AMENDMENT	
Description	Expenditure
Base Maintenance Services	\$113,200
Maintenance of Public Safety DAS	\$140,000
Spare Parts, Equipment Repairs, & As-Needed Services	\$225,522
Total Maintenance Costs	\$478,722
Additional First Amendment Cost	\$0
Total Not-to-Exceed Contract Amount*	\$2,344,000

*Note: Costs for individual line items may vary, but the total expenditures shall not exceed \$2,344,000

Approval of this contract amendment will ensure continuity for ongoing radio system maintenance, repair, and technical support services, and equipment purchases for the Analog Conventional and Related Radio Communications Systems at Los Angeles World Airports until a new contract is awarded through the completion of a Request for Proposal process. There is sufficient authority remaining to cover the cost of the maintenance services through October 31, 2023, so no new funding is required.

Fiscal Impact

The costs incurred under this contract will be recovered through landing fees, terminal building rates and charges, and non-aeronautical revenues.

4. Alternatives Considered

- ***Take No Action***

Without this amendment, the analog and related radio communications systems will not be properly maintained due to the lack of LAWA staff resources needed to provide the same level of support. The services provided by this contract are necessary to ensure the security and safety of LAWA Airport Police personnel; they also help facilitate FMD's ability to perform maintenance and operations support.

- ***Perform Work with LAWA Staff***

Information Management and Technology does not have the required in-house expertise or sufficient staff to dedicate to this effort, which requires 24/7 response and maintenance due to its importance to airport security and public safety operations.

APPROPRIATIONS

Funds for this contract are available in the FY 2021-2022 Los Angeles World Airports Operating Budget in LAX Cost Center 1170202 - IT Planning & Development, Commitment Item 520 - Contractual Services, Commitment Item 522 - Materials & Supplies, or it may be provided through other Board-approved WBS Elements for capital improvement projects as may be required. Funding for subsequent years will be requested as part of the annual budget process.

STANDARD PROVISIONS

1. This item, as a continuing administrative, maintenance and personnel-related activity, is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements pursuant to Article II, Section 2.f. of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
2. The proposed document(s) is/are subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.
3. Actions taken on this item by the Board of Airport Commissioners will become final pursuant to the provisions of Los Angeles City Charter Section 373.
4. This action is not subject to the provisions of the Living Wage/Worker Retention Ordinances.
5. Procurement Services has reviewed this action (File No. 10044008). No mandatory Small Business Enterprise, Local Business Enterprise/Local Small Business Enterprise, and Disabled Veterans goals were set for this project, as no subcontracting opportunities were identified.
6. Bear Communications, Inc. is required by contract to comply with the provisions of the Affirmative Action Program.
7. Bear Communications, Inc. has been assigned Business Tax Registration Certificate number 0000672357-0001-5.

8. Bear Communications, Inc. is required by contract to comply with the provisions of the Child Support Obligations Ordinance.
9. Bear Communications, Inc. has approved insurance documents, in the terms and amounts required, on file with the Los Angeles World Airports.
10. This action is not subject to the provisions of Charter Section 1022 (Use of Independent Contractor).
11. Bear Communications, Inc. has submitted the Contractor Responsibility Program Questionnaire and Pledge of Compliance and will comply with the provisions of the Contractor Responsibility Program.
12. Bear Communications, Inc. must be determined by Public Works, Office of Contract Compliance to be in full compliance with the provisions of the Equal Benefits Ordinance prior to Contract Amendment.
13. Bear Communications will be required to comply with the provisions of the First Source Hiring Program for all non-trade Airport jobs.
14. Bear Communications, Inc. has submitted the Bidder Contributions CEC Form 55 and will comply with its provisions.
15. Bear Communications, Inc. has submitted the Bidder Contributions CEC Form 50 and will comply with its provisions.