

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR
ENGINEERING OF BOARDING BRIDGE
REPLACEMENT**

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

Aviation

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On June 23, 2015, following competitive RFQ process, the City Council approved the selection of Garver, LLC to perform architectural, planning, and engineering services for a period of up to five years, for the Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport (KFHRA). On September 22, 2015, the City Council approved acceptance of an Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the amount of \$400,500.00 for two projects. One of those projects was for the initial engineering and design of the passenger boarding bridge replacement.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

The KFHRA was opened for commercial service in August 2004 with four (4) operational gates with respective passenger boarding bridges (PBB). These bridges have served the Airport, the airlines and the customers well in the eleven years hence; however, despite a rigorous preventative maintenance program used by the Airport, these bridges are experiencing ever increasing mechanical and maintenance issues. The original manufacturer of the bridges is no longer in business, thus parts and maintenance support for the PBBs are increasingly difficult to obtain. In fact, several required parts necessary to keep these PBBs operational have been ordered and imported from Europe, thereby increasing the cost of repairs and operational down time of the equipment. Not only does this limit the operational capability of the Airport to meet our customer service goals, but it has also affected our airline partners as well. By replacing this equipment, KFHRA anticipates increased operational efficiency and effectiveness, decreased bridge down-time, decreased annual maintenance and repair costs, and increased customer service. To that end, staff has negotiated a professional services contract with Garver, LLC in the amount of \$289,800.00 for the initial engineering services related to the replacement of the PBBs at gates 2, 3, 4, and 5.

FISCAL IMPACT

This contract is funded with an FAA AIP grant at 90% of the total cost. The remaining 10% match requirement is funded with the Project Misc Expense RGAAF account. Staff has initiated a new Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) application that will include this project to provide for the reimbursement of the accounts used to meet the 10% match requirement. Funding in the amount of \$289,800.00 is available in account numbers 525-0515-521.98-21 Passenger Boarding Bridge and 525-0515-521.98-03 Misc. Expenses RGAAF.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services contract with Garver, LLC in the amount of \$289,800.00 and that it expressly authorize the City Manager to execute any and all change orders or supplemental agreements within the amounts set by state and local law.