#### RS-25-111 July 15, 2025

# AWARD BID NO. 25-26 AUTOMATED WEATHER OBSERVING SYSTEM (AWOS) RELOCATION AT SKYLARK FIELD

Skylark field has a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) owned and maintained Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) on the west side of the airport that provides pilots with critical safety information on cloud height, visibility, wind direction and speed, as well as other weather information to assist with flight operations.

- The FAA has standards for keeping the areas within 1,000 feet of the AWOS clear of obstructions that would affect the ability of the sensors to collect accurate readings.
- The proposed Anthem Park development, when constructed, would cause the existing AWOS to not meet FAA standards for that 1,000 feet radius.

To accommodate for this future development, it is necessary to relocate the AWOS to a location that will meet FAA standards for weather data collection.





#### Discussion

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- The project was first advertised on February 2, 2025. Notices were published in the local newspaper, posted on the City's official website, and shared on multiple statewide electronic bidding platforms to ensure broad visibility.
- A pre-bid meeting was held on February 18, 2025.
  One (1) general contractor attended the meeting.

#### Discussion

- One bid was received on March 11, 2025, exceeding the project budget. City Council rejected the bid (Bid No. 25-12) on April 15, 2025.
- The City re-advertised the project (Bid 25-26) on April 20, 2025, via the local newspaper, City website, and statewide bidding sites. One electrical contractor attended the April 29 pre-bid meeting. Two bids were received at the May 15, 2025, opening.

#### Discussion

<u>Bidders</u>
 F&W Electrical Contractors, Inc.
 Vellutini Corp dba Royal Electric Company

- Bid Amount \$ 300,250 \$ 449,345
- A thorough review of each bid package was completed by the Airport's consultant and staff. The lowest responsive bidder was F&W Electrical Contractors, Inc. with a submitted bid total of \$300,250. Bid meets all requirements and is the best value for the Killeen Regional Airport.

#### Recommendation

Staff recommends City Council award the bid, from F&W Electric Inc., in the amount of \$300,250, for Bid No. 25-26, Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) Relocation at Skylark Field and recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all contract documents and all change orders or actions within the amounts set by state and local law.