



City of Austin

301 W. Second Street
Austin, TX

Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2748, **Agenda Item #:** 33.

9/21/2023

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to the contract for a technical baggage handling system advisor for the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport Terminal Centralized Baggage Handling System Design Criteria Manual Reissue with AECOM Technical Services Inc., to increase the amount by \$2,432,259 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$5,966,845.

[Note: This amendment will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) and 49 CFR Part 26 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program). Current DBE participation to date is 12.66% DBE.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Department of Aviation.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Department of Aviation.

Purchasing Language:

Contract Amendment.

Prior Council Action:

December 14, 2017 - Council approved the original contract, item 6, on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Troxclair voting Nay.

January 23, 2020 - Council approved an amendment with AECOM program management to provide third party oversight for Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, item 18, on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Adler absent.

March 03, 2022 - Council approved an amendment, item 6, on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Adler absent.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or [512-974-2500](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov).

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 13, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Airport Advisory Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

AECOM provides subject matter expert services for the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) project management team to ensure that industry best practices are incorporated. AECOM serves as an independent third party for the AUS management team in review of alternatives proposed, evaluation of cost estimates, as

well as review and recommendation regarding phasing, scheduling, cutovers, testing, inspection, and contingency operation. AECOM has provided a variety of technical experts who may be called upon throughout the baggage handling system project's lifecycle for various tasks and are only used upon request by AUS.

AECOM also provides on-site observation, review, and support services for AUS during design, construction, installation, and testing. The AUS project managers and technical personnel all are tasked with several vital operational duties and the ability to provide technical support. AECOM assisted AUS in development of the Basis of Design Documents for the program as well as continuing the advisory subject matter expert role by providing clear communication and reviews to the AUS management team. The AECOM team has been involved in the project since inception and has been a reliable partner for AUS throughout the project life cycle with continued on-site support and travel when needed in addition to multiple adjustments of workflows to support new project timelines.

This additional authority is needed for AECOM's continued oversight of the West Infill design and construction allowing for maintained continuity during the execution stages of the project. With AECOM in this role, AUS staff can confidently make decisions with the understanding that the technical specialist team is available to provide third party observation and recommendations, reviews, inspections, testing oversight and ultimately provide written reports to AUS capturing potential issues before they arise. This support will reduce the risk of errors, omissions, schedule, and cost changes during construction.

If not approved, this will impact the Department of Aviation's ability to provide appropriate technical review for mitigation of risk for the baggage handling system project.