



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Finance Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Troy Elliott

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Ratification of a contract with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP for a Simplex TrueSite Workstation for the Aviation Department

SUMMARY:

This ordinance ratifies a contract to Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP (JCI) in the amount of \$67,081 for the purchase and upgrade replacement of the TrueSite Fire Network Computer located at the Parking Administration Building for the Aviation Department. Funding for this contract is available from the Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund FY 2025 Adopted Budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Submitted for Council ratification and action is a contract to Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP (JCI) for the purchase and upgrade replacement of the TrueSite Fire Network Computer for the Aviation Department. The existing TrueSite fire network computer is in the backup Airport Integrated Control Center, (AICC) located at the Aviation Department, Parking Administration Building. This Communication Center is utilized by Emergency Communication Operators, and Emergency Management Teams, if or when the primary AICC becomes uninhabitable due to various factors. This computer interfaces with the looped fire system network which monitors and controls fire alarm components in the Parking Administration Building, Terminal B and the

Primary AICC. It provides the AICC Operators, and/or other trained staff, the capability of interacting and controlling fire alarm signals and inputs as is required by International Fire Code (IFC) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Due to age, the current TrueSite computer is unable to receive the required updates resulting in a loss of control on certain functions. System users are no longer able to answer or respond to fire alarm activations, and in the case of a true fire emergency, this posed an extreme risk to occupant safety, operations, and property. Replacement of the existing computer with the TrueSite Fire Network computer will provide users with the required control capabilities and eliminate the risks posed to the public and airport operations. Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP carries a one-year parts warranty and a one-year labor warranty for naturally defective parts or workmanship.

The City issued a Request for Offer (RFO) for “Simplex TrueSite Workstation for Aviation” (RFO 6100018472) on September 27, 2024, with a submission deadline of September 30, 2024. JCI submitted an offer, met the published specifications, and is recommended for ratification of contract award.

This contract ratification is utilizing a public health or safety exemption. The current JCI Simplex TrueSite fire network computer for the Aviation Department backup AICC is outdated and unable to receive required updates which led to loss of fire code required control functions needed for the safety of the public and City property. To prevent a risk to the public and property, the upgrade to the computer hardware and software is critical and required to be addressed in a timely manner, therefore a ratification is necessary for a purchase order that was issued on September 30, 2024, to begin the computer hardware replacement as soon as possible.

The initial term of the ratified contract will begin with the issuance of the purchase order and will terminate upon delivery of all goods ordered.

ISSUE:

This action will ratify a contract to Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP in the amount of \$67,081 for the purchase and upgrade replacement of the TrueSite Fire Network Computer located in the backup AICC at the Aviation’s Parking Administration Building.

This purchase is exempt from the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy Program.

This purchase is an exception to the Local Preference Program.

The Veteran-Owned Small Business Preference Program does not apply to goods and supplies contracts or non-professional services contracts, so no preference was applied to this contract.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should this contract not be ratified, the TrueSite fire network computer would not be upgraded and Aviation would be unable to receive the required updates for the backup AICC leading to a

loss of control of certain system functions. System users would no longer be able to answer or respond to fire alarm activations; this would pose an extreme risk to occupant safety, operations, and property.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the ratification of contract to Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP in the amount of \$67,081.00 for the purchase and upgrade replacement of the TrueSite Fire Network Computer.

This contract was procured based on a public health or safety exemption and a Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.