



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Aviation Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Memorandum of Agreement with United States Customs and Border Protection

SUMMARY:

This Ordinance authorizes a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to allow the reimbursement to CBP for costs related to providing communications and information technology (IT) equipment and services required at the General Aviation Federal Inspection Station (GA FIS) located on the northside of the airfield of the San Antonio International Airport (Airport). The costs will not exceed \$4,876 and funding is from the Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund FY 2025 Adopted Budget..

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Federal law requires the CBP to process international visitors for both commercial and general aviation aircraft at designated airports. Commercial airports provide the space and equipment to provide these services. The software utilized by CBP at the Airport is reaching its end of life and requires upgrading. The City Council approved a similar agreement for the FIS located in Terminal A in February 2025. The GA FIS facility serves general aviation aircraft that arrives from international destinations.

The agreement outlines the responsibilities of both the Airport and CBP related to providing communications and IT equipment and services for the GA FIS. The equipment and initial service costs will not exceed \$4,876. The Airport will be billed the actual costs.

ISSUE:

This Ordinance authorizes a MOA with the CBP to allow the reimbursement of CBP for costs related to providing communications and information technology equipment and services required at the GA FIS located on the northside of the airfield of the San Antonio International Airport. The costs will not exceed \$4,876 and funding is available from the FY 2025 Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund Adopted Budget.

City Council approval is required for agreements between the City of San Antonio and federal agencies.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could elect to not authorize the MOA. However, the purchase, installation and maintenance of the equipment covered in the MOA is vital to the operations of the processing of international visitors into the United States.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This Ordinance authorizes a MOA with the United States Customs and Border Protection to allow the reimbursement of CBP for costs related to providing communications and IT equipment and services required at the General Aviation Federal Inspection Station located on the northside of the airfield of the San Antonio International Airport (Airport). The costs will not exceed \$4,876 and funding is available from the FY 2025 Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund Adopted Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Memorandum of Agreement with United States Customs and Border Protection for the General Aviation Federal Inspection Station located at the San Antonio International Airport.