



Item Number: 18

Board of Directors

Written Communications

Meeting of: September 19, 2023

Submitted By:

C. Eric Ray, Airport Director

Subject:

General Services Provider Standard Agreement with Scorpion Fire Protection, Inc. for Fire Pump & Controller Maintenance and Repair Services, Project CC23-099-1.

Recommendation:

That the Honorable Southern California Logistics Airport Authority Board of Directors approves the award of a General Services Provider Standard Agreement by and between the Southern California Logistics Airport Authority and Scorpion Fire Protection, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$115,000, in support of the Fire Pump & Controller Maintenance and Repair Services, Project CC23-099-1.

Fiscal Impact:

Funds of \$115,000 have been appropriated for the Project as outlined below:

Current Budget		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>
450 Airport Operations Fund	\$0	\$115,000

Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal E. Invest in Infrastructure: The Project will allow critical Airport infrastructure to be maintained.

Background:

The Southern California Logistics Airport Authority ("SCLAA") operates the Southern California Logistics Airport ("SCLA") under certain regulatory mandates, including those instituted by the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, pertaining to emergency water pumps ("fire pumps") and their electrical controllers ("controllers"). As such, it is the goal of the SCLA to keep all fire pumps and controllers in good working order and certified for operation by the various regulatory agencies. Scheduled preventative

maintenance is key to achieving this goal, as it minimizes equipment failure, breakdown, and repair costs. Fire pumps require regular inspection, weekly operational testing, and preventative maintenance to ensure proper and reliable operation during a fire emergency, as per National Fire Protection Agency Code 25.

The SCLA maintains fourteen (14) fire pumps housed in two (2) pump houses, referred to as Pump House 1 and Pump House 2, to supply the water pressure necessary to operate the fire suppression systems located in seven large aircraft hangars. Each fire suppression system can dispense up to eight thousand, four hundred (8,400) gallons of water per minute to quickly extinguish a fire and thus minimizing loss of life and property to the greatest extent possible.

Discussion:

Proper servicing of the fire pumps and controllers requires the skills of an experienced, licensed contractor. SCLA staff worked with purchasing staff to obtain competitive bids for the acquisition of a qualified, independent contractor to perform the required inspection, weekly testing, preventative maintenance, and repair services. On May 19, 2023, the solicitation was posted to the City of Victorville website and emailed to various known contractors in this line of work to invite as many qualified bidders as possible. The solicitation included a non-mandatory meeting on May 31, 2023. The bid opening was conducted on June 21, 2023. Two bids were received, with only one bidder meeting the full requirements of the scope of services, specifically with regards to the weekly Fire pump testing. The one responsive bidder was:

<i>Company</i>	<i>Fire Pump Bid</i>
Scorpion Fire Protection, Apple Valley CA	\$76,545

Scorpion Fire Protection Inc. ("Scorpion") of Apple Valley, California was the only responsible bidder for the fire pumps and fire pump controllers, making them the successful bidder for this contract. Although there was no bid comparison available for this solicitation, Scorpion has been contracted to provide the solicited services for the past five (5) years. During this time, they have demonstrated their ability to meet the requirements for SCLA fire pump and controller maintenance with above average performance.

The Scorpion bid of \$76,545 includes the total cost of preventative maintenance only. The Agreement includes hourly rates and mark-up percentages, also known as time & materials rates, to allow for repairs that may be needed as a result of the inspections. Any identified repairs will be estimated in advance according to the time and materials rates contained in the bids and approved by SCLA staff prior to any work being performed. The additional budgeted amount for the Agreement for unanticipated repairs is \$38,455 for the fire pumps and controllers, bringing the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement to \$115,000 for Scorpion.

The requested amount of \$115,000 is within the City Manager's authority to approve. However, Scorpion is currently contracted to provide Fire Suppression System Services,

Project CC20-022-1, at the SCLA to install, maintain, repair, test, and certify fire suppression and detection systems in approximately thirty-three SCLA facilities, for the not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000 for fiscal year 2023-2024. The aggregate value of the Fire Suppression System Services contract combined with the proposed award might exceed his authority, therefore this award requires the approval of the SCLAA Board of Directors.

This solicitation has been conducted in accordance with the City of Victorville Municipal Code §2.28.200 and this Agreement enables the SCLAA to utilize Scorpion for Fire Pump & Controller Maintenance and Repair Services, Project CC23-099-1. Therefore, staff requests and recommends your honorable Board of Directors approval to enter into the attached General Services Provider Standard Agreement with Scorpion Fire Protection, Inc. for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$115,000.

Staff remains available for any questions or comments you may have.

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Attachments:

- A. Site Map
- B. Scorpion Fire Protection, Inc., Bid Sheets
- C. General Services Provider Standard Agreement