City Council Report

City Council Regular Meeting: November 10, 2015
Agenda Item: 3.B

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Martin Pastucha, Director, Public Works, Airport Division

Subject: Award RFP for Airport Noise Management Consulting Services

Recommended Action

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Award RFP# 45 to Landrum & Brown, an Ohio-based corporation, to provide acoustical/noise management consulting services for the Santa Monica Airport;
2. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract/professional service agreement with Landrum & Brown, in an amount not to exceed $50,000 for one year, with four additional one-year renewal options in the amount of $50,000, on the same terms and conditions for a total amount not to exceed $250,000 over a five-year period, with future year funding contingent on Council budget approval.

Executive Summary

This agreement would provide acoustical/noise management consulting services, including technical analysis and reports for the Santa Monica Airport (SMO). In August 2015, the City published an RFP for professional services for a qualified acoustical/ noise management consulting firm to provide technical analysis and reports. After reviewing the proposals received, staff recommends Landrum & Brown to provide these services in an amount not to exceed $250,000 over a five-year period.

Background

The City contracts with an acoustical/noise management consulting firm to provide technical analysis and reports related to the City's Aircraft Noise Abatement program, including the development of annual noise contour updates, presentations to the Airport Commission regarding various aspects of aircraft noise and their impacts, and any additional acoustical consulting that might be required to support the City's Aircraft Noise Abatement program.

On June 9, 2015 (attachment A), City Council approved a fourth modification to Agreement #9684 with Landrum & Brown in the amount of $40,000 for services through

December 31, 2015 pending the completion of a new competitive consultant selection.

Discussion

Vendor Selection

On August 20, 2015, the City issued a Request for Proposals for acoustical/noise management consulting services for the Santa Monica Airport. The RFP was posted on the City's on-line bidding site, and notices were advertised in the Santa Monica Daily Press in accordance with City Charter and Municipal Code provisions. A total of 129 vendors were notified, and 30 vendors downloaded the bid. The following two proposals were received on September 21, 2015:

Proposal	Cost
Harris Miller Miller & Hanson Inc.	$45,760
Landrum & Brown	$19,970

Public Works staff evaluated the proposals based on the following criteria:

- Technical competence
- Past performance
- Professional qualifications of principals and individuals to be assigned to the project
- Timely and efficient completion of prior assignments
- Cost of services

The scope of services that the consultants were required to submit pricing for includes:

1. Produce the Annual CNEL Noise Contour
2. Discuss and report aircraft noise measurements and modeling results
3. Compile annual aircraft operations and noise data
4. Discuss CNEL Noise Measurement trends
5. Present annual findings to Airport Commission

Both firms are qualified to perform the work. The hourly rates proposed by both consultants are comparable. Pricing was provided for the scope of services listed above including on-call acoustical services. The difference in cost is due to the number

of hours proposed for each of the five tasks outlined above. Harris Miller Miller & Hanson proposed 258 total labor hours and Landrum & Brown proposed 106 total labor hours.

Staff recommends Landrum and Brown Inc. as the best qualified firm to provide acoustical/noise management services in the amount of $50,000. Landrum and Brown demonstrated clear understanding of the scope of services, has many years of experience in acoustical/noise management projects, has a highly qualified project team, and offered the lowest cost. The reduced labor hours proposed by Landrum and Brown are acceptable. Additionally, staff contacted references and all reported Landrum Brown's work was completed in a timely and cost-efficient manner.

Financial Impacts and Budget Actions

The agreement to be awarded to Landrum & Brown Corporation is for an amount not to exceed $250,000 over a five-year period. Funds in the amount of $50,000 for the first year are available in the FY 2015-16 budget in the Public Works Department. The agreement will be charged to account 33431.555060. Future year funding is contingent on Council budget approval.

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Approved	**Forwarded to Council**
Martin Pastucha, Director 10/29/2015	Rick Cole, City Manager 11/2/2015

Attachments:

A. June 9, 2015 Staff Report (web link)