



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 6, 2012

CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Contract Award - Airport Tower Lighting Control System

FROM: David H. Ready, City Manager

BY: AIRPORT DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY

This action will provide for a new airfield lighting control system to be procured and installed into the new Palm Springs International Airport air traffic control tower.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve a purchase order contract with Rural Electric Inc. of Mesa, Arizona in the amount of \$56,840.85 to furnish and install a new Beijer Electronics airfield lighting control system in the new Federal Aviation Administration control tower as a sole-source acquisition to comply with the specifications required by the FAA.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

STAFF ANALYSIS

The new Federal Aviation Administration control tower under construction at Palm Springs International Airport is nearing completion and is expected to be commissioned later this year. This \$25 million dollar project is funded by the FAA with the exception of the equipment necessary for the control and operation of the City's airport airfield lighting systems. It is the responsibility of the City, through the Airport Fund, to procure and install the necessary airfield lighting control equipment. This is a standard practice throughout the airport industry anytime new FAA towers are being constructed on airports. The City's existing lighting control system is old and will be abandoned with the demolition of the old tower.

Because the air traffic control personnel are the only staff that utilizes this airfield lighting control equipment, and it is located in the tower's cab, the airport department must provide equipment specified by the Federal Aviation Administration. Based on the

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direction received from the FAA about the type of equipment required, the Beijer Electronics system equipment was the model specified. The manufacturer of this FAA approved equipment has identified an authorized installer and the airport staff has negotiated the scope and cost for the equipment's installation of a complete new airfield lighting control system.

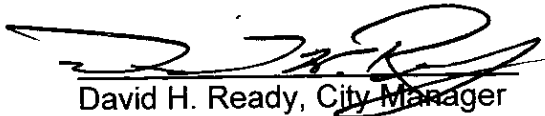
Pursuant to 7.04.020 of the Municipal Code, a sole-source purchase may be awarded without competition when the action is made after conducting a good faith review of available sources, and that there is only one source for the required item or service. In this case the City is required by the FAA to provide the equipment that they specify for the new control tower. The Beijer Electronics system specified by the FAA is only available from Beijer via their authorized installer that specializes in Airport installations, Rural Electric, Inc.

FISCAL IMPACT

The airport department anticipated the need for this expenditure and funds are available in the FY 11/12 Budget account number 416 6501 50000 in the amount of \$56,840.85.



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Executive Director, Airport



David H. Ready, City Manager