

## Legislation Text

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### Airport Enclosed Regional Boarding Ramps

#### Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of regional boarding ramps, as authorized by the sole source exemption of G.S. 143-129 (e)(6),**
- B. Approve a contract in the amount of \$775,420 with East Island Aviation Services, Inc. for the purchase and the installation of enclosed regional boarding ramps, and**
- C. Adopt a budget ordinance appropriating \$665,420 from the Aviation Discretionary Fund to the Aviation Community Investment Plan Fund.**

#### **Staff Resource(s):**

Brent Cagle, Aviation

#### **Sole Source Exemption**

- G.S. 143-129 (e) (6) provides that formal bidding requirements do not apply when:
  - Performance or price competition are not available;
  - A needed product is available from only one source or supply; or
  - Standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.
- Sole sourcing is necessary for this contract because there is only one supply source.
- The City Council must approve purchases made under the sole source exception.

#### **Explanation**

- Currently, passengers at Airport concourse gates E4 and E5 are exposed to the outdoor elements while walking to/from and waiting to board the aircraft.
- At the request of American Airlines, the Airport is purchasing and installing two enclosed regional boarding ramps to provide a covered walkway for passengers from the gate to the aircraft.
- The enclosed boarding ramps are an alternate solution to using passenger boarding bridges due to space limitations at these particular gates.
- East Island Aviation Services, Inc. is the only manufacturer of regional boarding ramp systems that provide a fully enclosed option.
- This project is partially funded by passenger facility charge funds (\$110,000). The budget appropriation of \$665,420 will fund the remaining portion of this project.

#### **Charlotte Business INclusion**

This is a sole source contract and is exempt (Part A: Appendix 1.27 of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy).

#### **Fiscal Note**

Funding: Aviation Community Investment Fund

The Aviation Department intends to seek Federal Aviation Administration approval to use future Passenger Facility Charge funds for reimbursement of the total project costs.

**Attachment(s)**  
Budget Ordinance