

Legislation Text

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Airport Baggage System Parts and Software Maintenance and Support Services

Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of Allen-Bradley brand electrical control parts by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a contract with McNaughton-McKay Southeast, Inc. for the purchase of parts and software maintenance and support for the term of three years, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.**

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Sole Source Exemption

- NC General Statute Section 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 standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.
- City Council approval is required for any purchases made under the sole source exception.

Explanation

- The checked baggage in-line system (CBIS) sorts and screens over four million pieces of checked baggage annually and requires software system updates and part replacements to ensure ongoing operations and maintenance.
- Rockwell Automation software and Allen-Bradley products are used in the operation of CBIS at the Airport.
 - Allen-Bradley is a brand of electrical control parts produced by Rockwell Automation.
 - McNaughton-McKay Southeast, Inc. is the authorized distributor in the Charlotte area, and full factory products and support are made available only to the local authorized distributor.
- The support agreement with McNaughton-McKay Southeast, Inc. provides technical support services, including product updates for hardware and software components.
 - The service also provides software updates as well as online support to troubleshoot hardware and software issues.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$30,997.

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 Operating Budget