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May 7, 2013

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to enter into an Other Transaction Agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for reimbursement of up to \$188,510, for Checked Baggage Recapitalization Screening Design Services, and any amendments thereto. (District 5)

DISCUSSION

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA), under the direction of the Department of Homeland Security, is responsible for security of all Airports and, under federal law, provides passenger and checked baggage security screening at the Long Beach Airport (LGB). The Electronic Baggage Screening Program (EBSP) of the TSA monitors the status of existing Explosive Detection System (EDS) equipment to ensure compliancy, functionality and efficiency. The TSA Headquarters keeps the following detailed, historical records relating to each EDS machine: age, maintenance logs, performance (rate), technical obsolescence, and local TSA reported issues, among others. When triggered by one or more of these factors, an examination of the system becomes warranted and TSA develops a modification plan to correct any outstanding conditions. The TSA has established the Recapitalization Program to address these needs.

The purpose of the Other Transaction Agreement (OTA) is to set forth the terms and conditions and establish the respective cost-sharing obligations of the TSA and the City with respect to the design services necessary to implement the TSA Recapitalization effort at LGB. The design services will result in 30 percent drawings, specifications, and estimates of probable construction costs, and will be submitted to the TSA for review.

The City will be responsible for developing various cost-effective solutions to replace the aging EDS machines currently deployed at LGB, while minimizing the impact to operations and reducing the number of EDS by using higher throughput technology units (as appropriate). These solutions will be offered by establishing current and future baggage screening rates to allow TSA to consider the optimum solution and act utilizing all cost factors from the analysis.

The estimated cost for the design services is \$180,000. The TSA will reimburse the City for 100 percent of the allowable, allocable and reasonable costs up to a total of \$188,510.

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This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard F. Anthony on April 15, 2013, and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on April 17, 2013.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is requested on May 7, 2013, to ensure that the OTA is fully processed in the time frame required by the TSA. Failure to meet the TSA's deadlines could result in loss of funding.

FISCAL IMPACT

The amount of Federal OTA funds requested for this design effort is \$188,510. The obligation of Airport funds for this amount totals \$188,510 initially, all of which will be fronted with Airport capital currently budgeted. Reimbursement from the TSA will be requested for up to the \$188,510 maximum, as allowed. It is anticipated that this project will have a positive impact on the local job market.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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