

Bismarck

Airport

DATE: October 8, 2019

FROM: Greg Haug, Airport Director



ITEM: Grant Airport Staff permission to apply for and accept an Other Transaction Agreement (OTA) with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Reimbursement Program.

REQUEST

Please place this item on the 10/8/2019 City Commission meeting agenda.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Following the 9/11 event Congress enacted legislation that created TSA and also ordered the deployment of LEO's authorized to carry firearms at each airport security screening checkpoint to ensure passenger safety and national security. Most recently on June 9, 2015 the Board granted permission for Airport Staff to apply for an OTA with the TSA for LEO reimbursement at Bismarck Airport. The current three year agreement between the City and TSA was extended one year and expires on December 31, 2019. The next agreement would presumably be effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 with two option years aligned to calendar year 2021 and 2022. This will be the airports sixth successive agreement for reimbursement for LEOs. The agreement application will be downloaded from a website and will be submitted by email. The application period started October 3, 2019 and closes November 18, 2019. Late applications are considered last and are subject to availability of funds. Our Federal Security Director supports the application.

The program provides for partial reimbursement of LEO expenses. We plan to apply for 100% reimbursement (actual costs not to exceed an established ceiling for each year during the term of the agreement). We will not know what the ceiling will be until TSA has all applications in and sets an allocation. We will apply for reimbursement at the actual fully burdened direct costs of our 5 assigned Bismarck Police Department Officers at the maximum allowable time for our category of airport each day until the end of the grant period. Our last application resulted in in award of \$364,983.04 over an approximate 4 year period. We expect this OTA amount will be greater because of higher costs of LEOs. We will not know the exact amount until a period for questions closes on October 23, 2019 and answers to the solicitation documents are published.

RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION

Grant Airport Staff permission to apply for and accept this OTA with the TSA for LEO Reimbursement Program and to adjust the requested grant dollar number to accommodate the maximum allowable reimbursement.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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Enclosure:

1. Change Order #3 to the September 24, 2018 agreement with Strata Corporation.