



**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** March 4, 2014

**TITLE:** Motion to approve Task Order No. 18 with Miller, Legg & Associates, Inc.  
– \$18,070 – Executive Airport Gopher Tortoise and Burrowing Owl  
Permitting and Relocation

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve Task Order No. 18 with Miller, Legg & Associates, Inc., in the amount \$18,070.

**Background**

Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) is preparing three parcels in the Airport Industrial Park for eventual development through a comprehensive mitigation effort. The exotic removals, tree relocations, and new plantings in the conservation areas are complete and are now in the ongoing maintenance and monitoring phases. Staff has prepared and released a bid solicitation for required earthwork and fill as the next step in preparing the parcels for development.

As part of this project, excess fill from airside property on the eastern side of FXE will be relocated to the Industrial Park parcels. The excess fill material was relocated into this area during airfield construction projects and can be used at the Airport's Parcels B, C, and D sites to address potential grading and drainage issues of on-site tenants on FXE's airside. Using this excess fill will result in an estimated \$200,000 to \$300,000 in savings for the overall project.

Any gopher tortoises and burrowing owls located within the fill area will need to be permitted and the gopher tortoises will be relocated to a permitted mitigation bank as required by State Statute.

Two separate permit authorizations from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC) are required and gopher tortoise relocations require utilization of a permitted/authorized gopher tortoise agent.

Staff has negotiated Task Order No. 18, in an amount not to exceed \$18,070.00, with the City's General Environmental Engineering Consultant, Miller, Legg & Associates, Inc., to provide the following services: perform field survey to locate presence of burrowing owls and gopher tortoise burrows; prepare permit applications to relocate gopher tortoises and remove burrowing owls through the FFWCC; perform relocation operations to relocate tortoises and owls within the work area; and attend meetings with staff and FFWCC members.

**Resource Impact**

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$18,070 for the task order.

<i>Funds available as of February 6, 2014</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
468-TAM070101- 3199	EXECUTIVE AIRPORT	SERVICES AND MATERIALS/ OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$5,810,009	\$632,843	\$18,070
<b>PURCHASE TOTAL ►</b>					\$18,070

**Strategic Connections:**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan* initiative, included within the Business Development Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 7: Be a well-positioned City within the global economic and tourism markets of the South Florida region, leveraging our airports, port, and rail connections.
- Objective 4: Deliver best-in-class regional general aviation airport amenities and services to domestic and international stakeholders.
- Initiative 1: Examine the highest and best use of airport property to stimulate economic development and create jobs.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Prosperous*

Attachment: Exhibit 1 – Task Order No. 18

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