



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#25-0378

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: April 15, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving an Agreement for the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport
Aviation Equipment & Service Facility Expansion – Vercetti Enterprises,
LLC – \$2,308,862 – **(Commission District 1)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an agreement, in substantially the form attached, for the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Aviation Equipment & Service Facility Expansion project, with Vercetti Enterprises, LLC, in the amount of \$2,308,862, which includes a permit fee allowance of \$80,000.

Background

The existing Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) Aviation Equipment & Service (AES) Facility was originally constructed in 2010. It is a 7,440 square-foot, one-story building with apparatus bays to store FXE's vehicles and equipment. The AES Facility features offices, a fully furnished kitchen, shower rooms, storage room, and rainwater harvesting tanks. Since the initial construction of the AES Facility, the airport has expanded its inventory of maintenance equipment and vehicles, some of which are currently stored on the apron ramp or offsite due to limited capacity. The expansion of an additional 4,000 square feet will allow the equipment to be stored inside the facility. This will also reduce the maintenance cost of equipment and vehicles and provide them with a longer service life.

The scope of work for the project includes, but is not limited to, the renovation and expansion of the AES Facility, including the construction of two (2) new bays and office space. It also includes replacement of the existing building's office area flooring, painting, new landscaping and irrigation installation, parking improvements and additional parking spaces, drainage improvements, installation of cameras, and upgrades of the existing facility's lighting fixtures to new LED fixtures. The City, via FXE, engaged a consultant, HDR Engineering, Inc., to estimate project costs.

On September 3, 2024, the City's Procurement Services Division issued Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 302-10, AES Facility Expansion. Initially, bids were due on October 4, 2024. However, on October 3, 2024, the City Attorney's Office clarified that an addendum was needed to include Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements for the solicitation

and contractual provisions. The necessary FAA information was incorporated into the addendum and the solicitation was extended and subsequently closed on December 20, 2024.

The following five (5) bids were received in response to the solicitation:

1. Sun State General Contractors, LLC
2. Vercetti Enterprises, LLC
3. Persons Services Corp
4. H.A. Contracting Corp
5. Alen Construction Group, Inc

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) was not a preference for this solicitation.

Staff reviewed all five (5) bids. The bid analysis revealed that the bid total of \$2,232,842.00 received from Sun State General Contractors, LLC (Sun State) was \$110,887.53 (or approximately 5.23%) above the consultant's estimate of \$2,121,954.48. The bid total of \$2,308,862.00 received from Vercetti Enterprises, LLC (Vercetti) was \$186,907.53 (or approximately 8.81%) above the consultant's estimate. The difference between the bid totals received from Sun State and Vercetti was \$76,020.00.

Staff deemed the lowest bidder, Sun State, as non-responsible for the following reasons. Sun State failed to demonstrate compliance with the ITB's experience requirements. The firm also failed to demonstrate their ability to perform, with their own staff, resources, and equipment at least forty percent (40%) of the total dollar value amount of the work, as required by the solicitation.

It was determined the next lowest bidder, Vercetti, submitted fair and reasonable pricing, met all solicitation requirements; and, therefore, was deemed the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Staff recommends for award to Vercetti. The recommended award amount of \$2,308,862, includes the award of all Base Bid Items and Bid Alternates 2-4, as shown on the Bid Tab, attached as Exhibit 2.

Resource Impact

Funds for this agreement in the amount of \$2,308,862 are available in the FY 2025 Budget/CIP in the accounts listed below.

<i>Funds available as of March 17, 2025</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)*	AMOUNT
10-468-9100-542-60-6599- P12356	Aviation Equip & Serv Facility Expansion	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$2,297,754	\$1,650,004	\$1,650,004
10-469-9100-542-60-6599- P12356	Aviation Equip & Serv Facility Expansion	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$1,632,746	\$1,632,746	\$658,858

	TOTAL AMOUNT ►	\$2,308,862
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* Includes funds in the amount of \$1,650,004 Committed/Available in Requisition #12182.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *FY 2025 Commission Priority*, advancing the Public Places and Community initiatives.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure and Resilience Focus Area, Goal 4: Facilitate an efficient, multimodal transportation network.

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

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- The Capital Improvements Element
- Goal 1: The City will strive to provide infrastructure as appropriate to meet the standards set forth within the comprehensive plan elements, by preserving, modifying and replacing existing infrastructure and providing new infrastructure related to growth and resiliency.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Solicitation

Exhibit 2 – Bid Tabulation

Exhibit 3 – Agreement

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