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

**FROM:** Lee Feldman, City Manager

**DATE:** September 18, 2012

**TITLE:** Motion – Reimbursable Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport and the Federal Aviation Administration to Provide Air Traffic Control Services at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a five-year agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for 24-hour air traffic control services at an estimated annual cost of \$212,518.87 for fiscal year 2013 and estimated five-year cost of \$1,062,594.35 at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport and authorize the proper City Officials to execute on behalf of the City.

**Background**

Since 1990, the City has entered into reimbursable agreements with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the air traffic control tower at Executive Airport to operate 24 hours per day and for the Airport to reimburse the FAA for the costs associated with the overnight operation. Without this agreement, the tower would close at midnight and reopen at 6:00 a.m. and the Airport would operate as a non-towered airfield.

The 24-hour-per-day operation of the tower has allowed the Airport to implement several noise abatement measures aimed at reducing noise during the most sensitive hours of the night. These measures include Runway 26 preferential departures, the I-95 Turn, the closure of Runway 13/31 at night, a voluntary training restriction, and a run-up restriction. The operation of the tower at night has also enhanced the safety of airport operations.

Since the inception of the 24-hour tower program, the midnight shift has included one air traffic controller. However, due to issues at certain airports, as of April 2011 the FAA now requires that all airports that operate overnight be staffed with two controllers. In order to accomplish this, the current year budget includes funding for two controller positions at a cost of \$426,307.

With input from the Aviation Advisory Board, the City Commission, the Cities of Oakland Park and Tamarac, and with the support of Congressman Allen West, the FAA has agreed

to cover the cost of the additional controller and will not charge the Airport for the extra cost in the current year or moving forward. Additionally, the FAA has agreed to extend the term of the agreement from one year to five years.

The estimated contract costs are as follows:

Controller Salary Annual Cost	\$167,008.30
Controller Overtime Annual Cost	\$ 990.81
Subtotal	\$167,999.11
Overhead (26.5%)	\$ 44,519.76
Total Estimated Yearly Annual Cost	\$212,518.87
5 Year Total Agreement Cost	\$1,062,594.35

This item was reviewed and approved by the Aviation Advisory Board at its July 26, 2012 meeting.

**Resource Impact**

There is no budgetary impact for FY 2011-2012. Funding for FY 2012-2013 in the amount of \$212,518.87 is subject to appropriation of the FY 2012-2013 budget.

FUNDS APPROPRIATION							
FUND	SUB FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	OBJECT #	SUBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
468A	02	AIRPORT FUND	TAM070101	EXECUTIVE AIRPORT	3199	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	212,518.87
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE FUNDING SOURCE(S)</b>							<b>212,518.87</b>

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Draft FAA Agreement

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