COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

Inter-office Communication

DATE: August 14, 2025

TO: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: John Rodgers, Interim Director, Department of Transportation

Brian Dranzik, Airport Director, Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: From the Interim Director, Department of Transportation and the Airport

Director, Department of Transportation seeking authorization to enter into

a Service Agreement for Unarmed Security Services.

FILE TYPE: Action Report

REQUEST

The airport is seeking authorization to enter into a Service Agreement with Covenant Aviation Security, LLC for Unarmed Security Services at Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport.

POLICY

Milwaukee County Code of Ordinances Chapter 32 defines the procedure for purchase of services by competitive solicitation. Per Wisconsin Statutes, 59.52 (31), approval by the County Board is required for multi-year budget agreements.

BACKGROUND

The agreement is needed to meet and maintain compliance with applicable federal, county, and other aviation regulations, including those governing civil aviation security, through the implementation of the Airport Security Program. Duties covered in this agreement include personnel responding to access control alarms in the terminal, inspecting vehicles and occupants entering the airfield through vehicle checkpoints and conducting random aviation worker screening as required by the TSA.

As a result of ongoing performance challenges, the Airport has identified the need to replace its current service agreement that expires in April 2026 with an updated service agreement that addresses position changes, enhances liability protections and ensures sufficient staffing levels required to remain compliant.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued on May 29, 2025 by the Airport through the Department of Administrative Services, Procurement Division that requested competitive proposals from qualified firms to provide unarmed security officers, supervisors and a program manager to assist in executing the Airport Security Program. The RFP review panel recommended that an agreement be awarded to Covenant Aviation Security, LLC. The RFP included an 11% Targeted Business Enterprise goal.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability

FISCAL EFFECT

The estimated cost of the agreement is \$1,940,433 plus a 4% increase annually for contract years two and beyond and is included in the Airport's budget for 2025 and the requested 2026 budget. A fiscal note is attached.

TERM

The term of the agreement October 15, 2025 (estimated) through December 31, 2028 with up to two (2) optional one-year renewal terms,

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES:

John Rodgers, Interim Director, Department of Transportation Brian Dranzik A.A.E., Airport Director, Department of Transportation

PREPARED BY:

Brian Dranzik A.A.E., Airport Director, Department of Transportation

APPROVED BY:

John Rodgers, Interim Director, Department of Transportation

ATTACHMENTS:

- Piscal Note
- Resolution
- Draft Agreement
- Request for Proposal RFP-2025-025
- RFP-2025-025 Award Letter

cc: Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Janelle M. Jensen, Legislative Services Division Manager, Office of the County Clerk