

CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

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TO: City Manager

FROM: Airport General Manager

SUBJECT: SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF AIRCRAFT LOADING BRIDGES

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorize Administration to complete a purchase agreement with FMC Jetway of Ogden, Utah for the supply and installation of two new aircraft loading bridges and the refurbishment and relocation of an existing bridge on the air terminal building;

ALSO THAT Council approve an amendment to the 2006 Financial Plan to increase the budget for the Gate 2 Loading Bridge from \$730,000 to \$1,500,000 with funding from the Airport Improvement Fee Reserve.

BACKGROUND AND COMMENTS

In 2006 Council approved the installation of a loading bridge on Gate 2 primarily for use by Air Canada Jazz regional jets. Due to increasing demand during the winter months an additional bridge is proposed to accommodate international charters. As part of this installation it is necessary to relocate and refurbish the existing Gate #1 loading bridge which will continue to be used by Horizon Air.

The Airline Operating Committee has approved this proposal. Use of aircraft loading bridges protects enplaning and deplaning passengers from exposure to the elements and apron operations. Upon completion 5 of the 8 gates will be equipped with loading bridges.

Jetway has been the lowest bidder for the past three tender calls issued by the City. The most recent bid was solicited within the last twelve months. In order to eliminate significant engineering and administrative costs it was decided to issue a Notice of Intent to contract with Jetway for the additional loading bridges. The closing date was August 11th and no objections or alternate proposals were received.

From an operational perspective considerable savings will be achieved in standardizing the maintenance and operations of all loading bridges at the airport.

The contract with FMC Technologies, Jetway of Ogden, Utah, USA will not exceed a value of \$1,350,000.00 including expenses and is expected to be completed by December 31, 2006. Additional costs to be incurred will include items such as apron strengthening and guidance systems. These items will be tendered separately.



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