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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SERVICE CONTRACT  
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA  
AWARD OF SERVICE CONTRACT  
SECURITY SERVICES FOR VARIOUS COUNTY AIRPORT FACILITIES  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 3)  
(3-VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to award a Proposition A service contract to Absolute Security International Corporation, a Community Business Enterprise, for security services at various County airport facilities throughout Los Angeles County.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the contract work is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter.
2. Find that this service can be more economically performed by an independent contractor than by County employees.
3. Award and authorize the Chair to execute the contract to Absolute Security International Corporation, a Community Business Enterprise, for security service at various County-owned airport facilities. This contract will have an initial term of 1 year with four 1-year renewal options and may be extended on a month-to-month basis for up to 6 additional months, for a maximum potential contract term of 66 months and a maximum potential contract sum of \$3,607,209.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to renew the contract for each additional renewal option and extension period if, in the opinion of the Director of Public Works or his designee, Absolute Security International Corporation, has successfully performed during the previous contract period, and the services are still required; to approve and execute amendments to incorporate necessary changes within the scope of work; and to suspend and/or terminate the contract for convenience if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to annually increase the contract amount up to an additional 10 percent of the annual contract sum, which is included in the maximum potential contract sum for unforeseen additional work within the scope of the contract, if required in accordance with County policy and the terms of the contract.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to award one service contract to Absolute Security International Corporation to provide security services at the five following County-owned airports located throughout Los Angeles County: Brackett Field Airport in La Verne, Compton/Woodley Airport in Compton, General William J. Fox Airfield in Lancaster, San Gabriel Valley Airport in El Monte, and Whiteman Airport in Pacoima.

The work to be performed will consist of observing and reporting any issues that may pose security risks and maintaining a security presence to minimize and deter the potential for theft or vandalism of County property. These services are essential to fostering a safe and secure airport environment for all airport tenants and users, both public and private. All stakeholders and visitors will benefit from the services provided through this contract.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal C, Public Safety, Strategy i, Prevention, Protection and Security, by contracting with a qualified private security firm the County ensures the protection of critical infrastructure and the safety of County-owned airports, tenants, staff, and the public. This effort reflects the County's commitment to maintaining safe, accessible public spaces while fostering resilience in the communities we serve.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The contract will have an initial term of 1 year with four additional 1-year renewal options and may be extended on a month to month basis for up to 6 months for a maximum potential contract term of 66 months and a maximum potential contract sum of \$3,607,209. The total maximum potential contract sum includes 10 percent of the annual contract sums for unforeseen additional work within the scope of the contract. The annual contract sums for each term, if all renewal options are exercised, are as follows:

- The sum for the initial term is \$558,021.
- The sum for the first option term is \$575,331.
- The sum for the second option term is \$592,391.

The sum for the third option term is \$609,951.

The sum for the fourth and final option term is \$629,058.

The sum for the month to month option to extend up to 6 months is \$314,529.

These amounts are based on Public Works' estimated annual utilization of the contractor's services at the quoted hourly rates. Any unused authorized amounts up to 25 percent of the previous contract term amount may be applied to subsequent renewal terms. The County may also authorize an extension of time to the contract's maximum potential term, not-to-exceed 180 days, with no additional funding.

Funding for the initial term is included in the Aviation Enterprise Fund (M02 – Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget. Funds to finance the contract's optional years and 10 percent additional funding for contingencies will be requested through the annual budget process.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

County Counsel has approved as to form the recommended contract which has been executed by Absolute Security International Corporation, a Community Business Enterprise (Enclosure A). The recommended contract agreement was solicited on an open-competitive basis and is in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The recommended contract will commence upon the Board's approval or on January 1, 2026, whichever occurs last.

A standard service contract was used that contains terms and conditions in compliance with the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs. Enclosure B reflects the proposers' utilization participation and Community Business Enterprise program information. Data regarding the proposers' minority participation is on file with Public Works. The contractor was selected upon final analysis and consideration without regard to race, creed, gender, or color.

This work is being contracted in accordance with procedures authorized under County Charter, Section 44.7, Part 3, and Chapter 2.121 (Contracting with Private Business) of the Los Angeles County Code. The mandatory requirements for contracting set forth in the Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.121.380, have been met.

The recommended contractor has agreed to pay its employees the current Living Wage Rate approved by the Board on December 1, 2015, and to comply with the County's Living Wage reporting requirements. The County's Proposition A and Living Wage Ordinance provisions apply to this proposed contract, as County employees can perform these contracted services. The contract complies with all of the requirements of the Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.201.

The current contract has been extended for 6 months with a final expiration date of December 31, 2025. The award of this contract will continue the current services by the recommended contractor, which is the current contractor providing this service.

Using methodology approved by the Auditor-Controller, the Proposition A cost analysis indicates that the recommended contracted services can be performed more economically by the private sector.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

In accordance with Section 15378(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, approval of the recommended action does not constitute a project because it is an organizational or

administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment and, hence, is not subject to the requirements of California Environmental Quality Act.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On January 23, 2025, a notice of the Request for Proposals (RFP) was placed on the County's "Doing Business with Los Angeles County" website (Enclosure C), "Do Business With Public Works" website, X (formerly Twitter), and advertisements were placed in the Los Angeles Daily Journal, Los Angeles Sentinel, La Opinión, The Daily Breeze, The Signal (Santa Clarita), World Journal, Daily Commerce, The Malibu Times, Long Beach Press Telegram, and Pasadena Star News. Also, Public Works informed 1,645 Local Small Business Enterprises; 169 Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises; 174 Social Enterprises; 1,041 Community Business Enterprises; and 1,385 Community-Based Organizations. Additionally, the Department of Economic Opportunity conducted a focused outreach and informed 94 related businesses about this business opportunity.

On February 24, 2025, fifteen proposals were received. Ten proposals were disqualified for failure to meet the minimum requirements of the RFP. The five remaining proposals were evaluated by an evaluation committee consisting of Public Works staff. The evaluation was based on criteria described in the RFP, which included the price, experience, work plan, financial resources, performance history/references, and demonstrated controls over labor/payroll record keeping, utilizing the informed averaging methodology for applicable criteria. Based on this evaluation, it is recommended that this contract be awarded to the highest-rated, responsive and responsible proposer, Absolute Security International Corporation, a Community Business Enterprise. Since Public Works does not have classifications that may be impacted by this contract, no union notification was required.

Public Works has accessed available resources to review and assess the proposed contractor's past performance, history of Labor Law violations, and prior performance on County contracts.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The award of this contract will continue the services without disruption to the public and will not result in the displacement of any County employees as this service is presently contracted with the private sector.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Aviation Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Christine Frias)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
Internal Services (Contracts Division)

**ENCLOSURE**

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