

Council Meeting of
November 14, 2006

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

SUBJECT: General Services- Contract for replacement of air conditioning unit at the FAA Tower. Expenditure: \$ 149,270

RECOMMENDATION

The General Services Director recommends City Council

- 1) Award a contract to HVAC Mechanical Inc. for \$129,800 with a 5 % contingency of \$ 6,490 for replacement of the air conditioning unit at the FAA Tower (FEAP #136); and authorize a 10% project management fee of \$12,980.
- 2) Appropriate \$134,390 from the Airport Enterprise Fund.

Funding

Funding is available in FEAP #136 FAA Tower air-conditioning units and Airport Enterprise Fund.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The FAA Tower was built in 1961, the air conditioning units are original to the building and in need of replacement due to the age of the equipment and changes in the efficiency standards regulating the industry.

Staff solicited bids and received the following:

HVAC Mechanical	\$	129,800
DC Danco	\$	139,852

Total project cost is \$149,270, including project management and contingency fees. Funding of \$14,880 is available in FEAP #136 and staff is requesting an appropriation of \$134,390 from the Airport Enterprise Fund.

The discrepancy between the funding in the FEAP project and the actual bid received has to do with several factors, most of which is due to changes in the system to be used. Staff was originally going to use the same type of non-modulating system when the budget for the project was created but staff has received continuous complaints on the current system.

The FAA tower has a system that maintains the cooling irregularly, meaning the air conditioner comes on and when it reaches the desired temperature turns off. Unfortunately, once turned off the area quickly heats up, thereby defeating the cooling effect and prompting the A/C to go on and off throughout the day. Therefore staff chose an alternate modulating system, which will more accurately and evenly cool areas throughout the day based on cooling demand.

The original budget was established in 1999 for 2004 construction. The project was delayed due to lengthy discussions with the airport on the new system. Significant price increases for construction materials and equipment realized over the past several years were also not included in the original budget.

On October 12, 2006, staff provided an informational item to the Airport Commission outlining the proposed changes to the air conditioning system and the associated costs and funding sources. The commission did not have any concerns about the proposed changes or increased costs.

The General Services Director recommends City Council award a contract to HVAC Mechanical Inc. for \$129,800 with 5% contingency and appropriate \$134,390 from the Airport Enterprise Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

SHERYL BALLEW
General Services Director

By 
Diane Caseltine
Business Manager

CONCUR:


Sheryl Ballew
General Services Director


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment A: HVAC Mechanical Inc. Agreement

CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT

This CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of November 7, 2006 (the "Effective Date"), by and between the CITY OF TORRANCE, a municipal corporation ("CITY"), and HVAC Mechanical Inc., a California Corporation ("CONTRACTOR").

RECITALS:

- A. CITY wishes to retain the services of an experienced and qualified CONTRACTOR to provide all the labor, materials, tools, equipment and incidentals to complete the installation of a Carrier chiller and Carrier air handler per the plans and specifications prepared by the City of Torrance and Barteff Yoosephiance & Associates.
- B. CONTRACTOR represents that it is qualified to perform those services.

AGREEMENT:

1. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR will provide the services listed in the Proposal attached as Exhibit A. CONTRACTOR warrants that all work and services set forth in the Proposal will be performed in a competent, professional and satisfactory manner.

2. TERM

Unless earlier terminated in accordance with Paragraph 4 below, this Agreement will continue in full force and effect from the Effective Date through June 30, 2007.

3. COMPENSATION

A. CONTRACTOR's Fee.

For services rendered pursuant to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR will be paid in accordance with Exhibit B, provided, however, that in no event will the total amount of money paid the CONTRACTOR, for services initially contemplated by this Agreement, exceed the sum of \$129,800.00 ("Agreement Sum"), unless otherwise first approved in writing by CITY.

B. Schedule of Payment.

Provided that the CONTRACTOR is not in default under the terms of this Agreement, upon presentation of an invoice, CONTRACTOR will be paid the fees described in Paragraph 3.A. above, according to the Proposal. Payment will be due within 30 days after the date of the invoice.

4. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

A. Termination by CITY for Convenience.

1. CITY may, at any time, terminate the Agreement for CITY's convenience and without cause.
2. Upon receipt of written notice from CITY of such termination for CITY's convenience, CONTRACTOR will:
 - a. cease operations as directed by CITY in the notice;
 - b. take actions necessary, or that CITY may direct, for the protection and preservation of the work; and
 - c. except for work directed to be performed prior to the effective date of termination stated in the notice, terminate all existing subcontracts and purchase orders and enter into no further subcontracts and purchase orders.
3. In case of such termination for CITY's convenience, CONTRACTOR will be entitled to receive payment for work executed; and costs incurred by reason of such termination, along with reasonable overhead and profit on the work not executed.

B. Termination for Cause.

1. If either party fails to perform any term, covenant or condition in this Agreement and that failure continues for 15 calendar days after the nondefaulting party gives the defaulting party written notice of the failure to perform, this Agreement may be terminated for cause; provided, however, that if during the notice period the defaulting party has promptly commenced and continues diligent efforts to remedy the default, the defaulting party will have such additional time as is reasonably necessary to remedy the default.
2. In the event this Agreement is terminated for cause by the default of the CONTRACTOR, the CITY may, at the expense of the CONTRACTOR and its surety, complete this Agreement or cause it to be completed. Any check or bond delivered to the CITY in connection with this Agreement, and the money payable thereon, will be forfeited to and remain the property of the CITY. All moneys due the CONTRACTOR under the terms of this Agreement will be

retained by the CITY, but the retention will not release the CONTRACTOR and its surety from liability for the default. Under these circumstances, however, the CONTRACTOR and its surety will be credited with the amount of money retained, toward any amount by which the cost of completion exceeds the Agreement Sum and any amount authorized for extra services.

3. Termination for cause will not affect or terminate any of the rights of the CITY as against the CONTRACTOR or its surety then existing, or which may thereafter accrue because of the default; this provision is in addition to all other rights and remedies available to the CITY under law.

C. Termination for Breach of Law.

In the event the CONTRACTOR or any of its officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, subsidiaries or affiliates is convicted (i) of a criminal offense as an incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of a contract or subcontract; (ii) under state or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, or any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty which currently, seriously, and directly affects responsibility as a public consultant or contractor; (iii) under state or federal antitrust statutes arising out of the submission of bids or proposals; or (iv) of violation of Paragraph 19 of this Agreement; or for any other cause the CITY determines to be so serious and compelling as to affect CONTRACTOR's responsibility as a public consultant or contractor, including but not limited to, debarment by another governmental agency, then the CITY reserves the unilateral right to terminate this Agreement or to impose such other sanctions (which may include financial sanctions, temporary suspensions or any other condition deemed appropriate short of termination) as it deems proper. The CITY will not take action until CONTRACTOR has been given notice and an opportunity to present evidence in mitigation.

5. FORCE MAJEURE

If any party fails to perform its obligations because of strikes, lockouts, labor disputes, embargoes, acts of God, inability to obtain labor or materials or reasonable substitutes for labor or materials, governmental restrictions, governmental regulations, governmental control, judicial orders, enemy or hostile governmental action, civil commotion, fire or other casualty, or other causes beyond the reasonable control of the party obligated to perform, then that party's performance shall be excused for a period equal to the period of such cause for failure to perform.

6. RETENTION OF FUNDS

CONTRACTOR authorizes CITY to deduct from any amount payable to CONTRACTOR (whether or not arising out of this Agreement) any amounts the payment of which may be in dispute or that are necessary to compensate CITY for any losses, costs, liabilities, or damages suffered by CITY, and all amounts for which CITY may be liable to third parties, by reason of CONTRACTOR's acts or omissions in performing or failing to perform CONTRACTOR's obligations under this Agreement. In the event that any claim is made by a third party, the amount or validity of which is disputed by CONTRACTOR, or any indebtedness exists that appears to be the basis for a claim of lien, CITY may withhold from any payment due, without liability for interest because of the withholding, an amount sufficient to cover the claim. The failure of CITY to exercise the right to deduct or to withhold will not, however, affect the obligations of CONTRACTOR to insure, indemnify, and protect CITY as elsewhere provided in this Agreement.

7. CITY REPRESENTATIVE

Hrand Ibranossian is designated as the "City Representative," authorized to act in its behalf with respect to the work and services specified in this Agreement and to make all decisions in connection with this Agreement. Whenever approval, directions, or other actions are required by CITY under this Agreement, those actions will be taken by the City Representative, unless otherwise stated. The City Manager has the right to designate another City Representative at any time, by providing notice to CONTRACTOR.

8. CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE(S)

The following principal(s) of CONTRACTOR are designated as being the principal(s) and representative(s) of CONTRACTOR authorized to act in its behalf with respect to the work specified in this Agreement and make all decisions in connection with this Agreement:

Barry Kirschenbaum
Project Manager

9. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The CONTRACTOR is, and at all times will remain as to CITY, a wholly independent contractor. Neither CITY nor any of its agents will have control over the conduct of the CONTRACTOR or any of the CONTRACTOR's employees, except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR may not, at any time or in any manner, represent that it or any of its agents or employees are in any manner agents or employees of CITY.

10. BUSINESS LICENSE

The CONTRACTOR must obtain a City business license prior to the start of work under this Agreement, unless CONTRACTOR is qualified for an exemption.

11. OTHER LICENSES AND PERMITS

CONTRACTOR warrants that it has all professional, contracting and other permits and licenses required to undertake the work contemplated by this Agreement.

12. FAMILIARITY WITH WORK

By executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR warrants that CONTRACTOR (a) has thoroughly investigated and considered the scope of services to be performed, (b) has carefully considered how the services should be performed, and (c) fully understands the facilities, difficulties and restrictions attending performance of the services under this Agreement. If the services involve work upon any site, CONTRACTOR warrants that CONTRACTOR has or will investigate the site and is or will be fully acquainted with the conditions there existing, prior to commencement of services set forth in this Agreement. Should CONTRACTOR discover any latent or unknown conditions that will materially affect the performance of the services set forth in this Agreement, CONTRACTOR must immediately inform CITY of that fact and may not proceed except at CONTRACTOR's risk until written instructions are received from CITY.

13. CARE OF WORK

CONTRACTOR must adopt reasonable methods during the term of the Agreement to furnish continuous protection to the work, and the equipment, materials, papers, documents, plans, studies and other components to prevent losses or damages, and will be responsible for all damages, to persons or property, until acceptance of the work by CITY, except those losses or damages as may be caused by CITY's own negligence.

14. CONTRACTOR'S ACCOUNTING RECORDS; OTHER PROJECT RECORDS

Records of the CONTRACTOR's time pertaining to the project, and records of accounts between CITY and the CONTRACTOR, will be kept on a generally recognized accounting basis. CONTRACTOR will also maintain all other records, including without limitation specifications, drawings, progress reports and the like, relating to the project. All records will be available to CITY during normal working hours. CONTRACTOR will maintain these records for three years after final payment.

15. INDEMNIFICATION

CONTRACTOR will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CITY, the City Council, each member thereof, present and future, its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all liability, expenses, including defense costs and legal fees, and claims for damages whatsoever, including, but not limited to, those arising from breach of contract, bodily injury, death, personal injury, property damage, loss of use, or property loss however the same may be

caused and regardless of the responsibility for negligence. The obligation to indemnify, defend and hold harmless includes, but is not limited to, any liability or expense, including defense costs and legal fees, arising from the negligent acts or omissions, or willful misconduct of CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors or vendors. It is further agreed, CONTRACTOR's obligations to indemnify, defend and hold harmless will apply even in the event of concurrent negligence on the part of CITY, the City Council, each member thereof, present and future, or its officers, agents and employees, except for liability resulting solely from the negligence or willful misconduct of CITY, its officers, employees or agents. Payment by CITY is not a condition precedent to enforcement of this indemnity. In the event of any dispute between CONTRACTOR and CITY, as to whether liability arises from the sole negligence of the CITY or its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors or vendors, CONTRACTOR will be obligated to pay for CITY's defense until such time as a final judgment has been entered adjudicating the CITY as solely negligent. CONTRACTOR will not be entitled in the event of such a determination to any reimbursement of defense costs including but not limited to attorney's fees, expert fees and costs of litigation.

16. NON-LIABILITY OF CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

No officer or employee of CITY will be personally liable to CONTRACTOR, in the event of any default or breach by the CITY or for any amount that may become due to CONTRACTOR.

17. INSURANCE

A. CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors must maintain at its sole expense the following insurance, which will be full coverage not subject to self insurance provisions:

1. Automobile Liability, including owned, non-owned and hired vehicles, with at least the following limits of liability:
 - a. Primary Bodily Injury with limits of at least \$500,000 per person, \$500,000 per occurrence; and
 - b. Primary Property Damage of at least \$250,000 per occurrence; or
 - c. Combined single limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
2. General Liability including coverage for premises, products and completed operations, independent contractors/vendors, personal injury and contractual obligations with combined single limits of coverage of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
3. Workers' Compensation with limits as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability with limits of at least \$1,000,000.

- B. The insurance provided by CONTRACTOR will be primary and non-contributory.
- C. CITY, the City Council and each member thereof, members of boards and commissions, every officer, agent, official, employee and volunteer must be named as additional insured under the automobile and general liability policies.
- D. CONTRACTOR must provide certificates of insurance and/or endorsements indicating appropriate coverage, to the City Clerk of the City of Torrance before the commencement of work.
- E. Each insurance policy required by this Paragraph must contain a provision that no termination, cancellation or change of coverage can be made without thirty days notice to CITY.

18. SUFFICIENCY OF INSURERS

Insurance required by this Agreement will be satisfactory only if issued by companies admitted to do business in California, rated "B+" or better in the most recent edition of Best's Key Rating Guide, and only if they are of a financial category Class VII or better, unless these requirements are waived by the Risk Manager of CITY ("Risk Manager") due to unique circumstances. In the event the Risk Manager determines that the work or services to be performed under this Agreement creates an increased or decreased risk of loss to CITY, the CONTRACTOR agrees that the minimum limits of any insurance policies or performance bonds required by this Agreement may be changed accordingly upon receipt of written notice from the Risk Manager; provided that CONTRACTOR will have the right to appeal a determination of increased coverage by the Risk Manager to the City Council of CITY within 10 days of receipt of notice from the Risk Manager.

19. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- A. No officer or employee of the CITY may have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement, nor may any officer or employee participate in any decision relating to the Agreement that effects the officer or employee's financial interest or the financial interest of any corporation, partnership or association in which the officer or employee is, directly or indirectly interested, in violation of any law, rule or regulation.
- B. No person may offer, give, or agree to give any officer or employee or former officer or employee, nor may any officer or employee solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any way pertaining to any

program requirement, contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal.

20. NOTICE

- A. All notices, requests, demands, or other communications under this Agreement will be in writing. Notice will be sufficiently given for all purposes as follows:
1. Personal delivery. When personally delivered to the recipient: notice is effective on delivery.
 2. First Class mail. When mailed first class to the last address of the recipient known to the party giving notice: notice is effective three mail delivery days after deposit in an United States Postal Service office or mailbox.
 3. Certified mail. When mailed certified mail, return receipt requested: notice is effective on receipt, if delivery is confirmed by a return receipt.
 4. Overnight delivery. When delivered by an overnight delivery service, charges prepaid or charged to the sender's account: notice is effective on delivery, if delivery is confirmed by the delivery service.
 5. Facsimile transmission. When sent by fax to the last fax number of the recipient known to the party giving notice: notice is effective on receipt. Any notice given by fax will be deemed received on the next business day if it is received after 5:00 p.m. (recipient's time) or on a non-business day.

6. Addresses for purpose of giving notice are as follows:

CONTRACTOR	HVAC Mechanical Inc. 1000 E. Howell Avenue Unit B Anaheim, CA 92805 Fax: 714-937-5307
CITY:	City Clerk City of Torrance 3031 Torrance Boulevard Torrance, CA 90509-2970 Fax: (310) 618-2931

- B. Any correctly addressed notice that is refused, unclaimed, or undeliverable because of an act or omission of the party to be notified, will be deemed effective as of the first date the notice was refused, unclaimed or deemed undeliverable by the postal authorities, messenger or overnight delivery service.
- C. Either party may change its address or fax number by giving the other party notice of the change in any manner permitted by this Agreement.

21. PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING

This Agreement and all exhibits are binding on the heirs, successors, and assigns of the parties. The Agreement may not be assigned or subcontracted by either CITY or CONTRACTOR without the prior written consent of the other.

22. INTEGRATION; AMENDMENT

This Agreement represents the entire understanding of CITY and CONTRACTOR as to those matters contained in it. No prior oral or written understanding will be of any force or effect with respect to the terms of this Agreement. The Agreement may not be modified or altered except in writing signed by both parties.

23. INTERPRETATION

The terms of this Agreement should be construed in accordance with the meaning of the language used and should not be construed for or against either party by reason of the authorship of this Agreement or any other rule of construction that might otherwise apply.

24. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Agreement is found to be in conflict with applicable laws, that part will be inoperative, null and void insofar as it is in conflict with any applicable laws, but the remainder of the Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

25. TIME OF ESSENCE

Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement.

26. GOVERNING LAW; JURISDICTION

This Agreement will be administered and interpreted under the laws of the State of California. Jurisdiction of any litigation arising from the Agreement will be in Los Angeles County, California.

27. COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

CONTRACTOR will be knowledgeable of and will comply with all applicable federal, state, county and city statutes, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders.

28. WAIVER OF BREACH

No delay or omission in the exercise of any right or remedy by a nondefaulting party on any default will impair the right or remedy or be construed as a waiver. A party's consent or approval of any act by the other party requiring the party's consent or approval will not be deemed to waive or render unnecessary the other party's consent to or approval of any subsequent act. Any waiver by either party of any default must be in writing and will not be a waiver of any other default concerning the same or any other provision of this Agreement.

29. ATTORNEY'S FEES

Except as provided for in Paragraph 15, in any dispute, litigation, arbitration, or other proceeding by which one party either seeks to enforce its rights under this Agreement (whether in contract, tort or both) or seeks a declaration of any rights or obligations under this Agreement, the prevailing party will be awarded reasonable attorney's fees, together with any costs and expenses, to resolve the dispute and to enforce any judgment.

30. EXHIBITS

All exhibits identified in this Agreement are incorporated into the Agreement by this reference.

31. CONTRACTOR'S AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE

The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the CONTRACTOR warrant that (i) the CONTRACTOR is duly organized and existing; (ii) they are duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the CONTRACTOR; (iii) by so executing this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR is formally bound to the

provisions of this Agreement; and (iv) the entering into this Agreement does not violate any provision of any other Agreement to which the CONTRACTOR is bound.

CITY OF TORRANCE
a Municipal Corporation

HVAC Mechanical Inc.
a California Corporation

Frank Scotto, Mayor

By: _____

Barry Kirshchenbaum
Project Manager

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN L. FELLOWS III
City Attorney

By: _____

Attachments: Exhibit A Proposal
 Exhibit B Payment terms

Revised: 1/30/01

EXHIBIT A

H.V.A.C. Mechanical, Inc.

Contractors License #682002

1000 E. Howell Ave. Unit B Anaheim, CA 92805

(714) 937-5305

Fax (714) 937-5307

10/18/2006

City of Torrance
General Service Department
3350 Civic Center Drive
Torrance, CA 90503

Attn: Dianne Caseltine – Purchasing
Fax # 310-781-7199

Re: City of Torrance *(FAA Air Traffic Control Tower HVAC Modifications)*
(Addendum # 1 dated 8/25/06 is acknowledged and is a part of this proposal)

H.V.A.C. Mechanical, Inc. is pleased to submit the following Mechanical bid for your review per most recent job walk and mechanical plans M-1 thru M-6 dated 4/10/06 by BYA handed out at job walk.

Inclusions:

1. Remove and dispose of existing ground level chiller, pumps, piping, ductwork and air handler in 4th floor mechanical room and ductwork in 5th floor under floor area.
2. Install new Carrier Model 30RAN015F-5 air cooled chiller with dual pumps and storage tank as specified in drawings.
3. Flush and clean chilled water loop, add chemical inhibitor as required.
4. Install new Carrier Model 40RMS008-6-HC upflow chilled water air handler with 35 kW strip heater.
5. Provide crane and boom lift for rigging of new and demo of old at same time.
6. Install all required chilled water piping and pipe trim per prints.
7. New flex duct to linear diffusers.
8. One new linear diffuser.
9. New return air ducted with larger opening.
10. Pipe insulation with aluminum jacketing on all exterior piping.
11. Certified air and water balance report.
12. Electrical work as required. Tie into existing breaker panel and re-use disconnect switches in 4th floor area as required to tie in new air handler and strip heater. New breaker required for chiller at ground level.
13. Install two (2) new combination fire smoke dampers with duct mounted smoke detectors.
14. One smoke duct detector in new air handler.
15. Start-up of equipment and customer training.
16. NOVA system bid of \$ 21,600.00 is included in this proposal for all DDC controls work per addendum # 1 dated 8/25/06.
17. Mechanical permit as required. (No fee City of Torrance if required)
18. Normal working hours.
19. Work to take 2 weeks for completion.
Lead time for the chiller is 9 to 10 weeks. Air handler is 6 to 7 weeks.
One year parts and labor warranty from date of start-up.

Total installed cost is \$ 129,800.00

One Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand – Eight Hundred and 00/00.....Dollars

10/18/2006



H.V.A.C. Mechanical, Inc.

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Exclusions:

1. Non-prevailing wage job.
2. Down stream piping.
3. Items not listed or shown on drawings.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this proposal.

Mob. # 714-920-4901

Respectfully,

Barry Kirschenbaum

Barry Kirschenbaum

Project Manager

EXHIBIT B

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CONTRACTOR will invoice the CITY upon completion of all work and services. Payment will be due within 30 days after the date of the invoice.