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**City exercises options with key Aviation, OMP contractors**

*Options ensure consistent operations during FAA environmental review process*

The City of Chicago's Department of Procurement Services announced today that it is increasing contract amounts and exercising two one-year options on existing contract agreements with five key firms working with both the Department of Aviation and the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP). These contracts were issued to Kimley-Horn, Landrum & Brown, Ricondo & Associates, Carolyn Grisko & Associates and Unison-Maximus between August and September of 2002.

"This is a very critical time for the Chicago Airport System," said Griggs. "There are a number of complex projects in place that are on a fixed timeline, and require stability. The City will amend the current agreements as not to jeopardize the progress of the airport system, while preparing for future bids."

Increasing the contract amounts for these contractors is necessary because the scope of work required by the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) very thorough Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process on the OMP was expanded over the course of the last two years. And while there is much work being done on the OMP, it is still necessary for the Department of Aviation to be able to maintain the highest levels of safety, security, and efficiency at the world's busiest airport. The amended contract amounts range from \$1.4 million to \$14.8 million for a variety of work including environmental planning, communication, airport forecasting, airfield and landside planning, and technical support, and auditing services.

"Our terminal facilities and interface between airside and landside operations must continuously be developed and refined," said Aviation Commissioner John A. Roberson. "These firms represent diverse, unparalleled and industry recognized experience in airport planning and development disciplines," he added.

Exercising the contract options comes at a critical time in the progression of the OMP and is made necessary by the FAA's recently released schedule for completion of the EIS. Current estimates indicate that the FAA will not complete the EIS process until September 2005. The City's consulting team must keep working in support of the FAA's process until it is complete.

“The O’Hare Modernization Program is currently subject to the FAA’s Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process, the most comprehensive level of federal environmental review for an airport project,” said Rosemarie Andolino, executive director of the O’Hare Modernization Program.

“These firms are all working in support of this ongoing effort. Their continued participation is necessary to ensure continuity and timely completion of the FAA’s EIS. The EIS process is the last remaining step to be completed before we can begin construction on the OMP-- then all the delay reductions, capacity enhancements and economic benefits associated with the OMP will be realized,” she said.

The contracts to be amended include:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Original Agreement</u>	<u>Amended Amount</u>	<u>Exercised Options Amounts/ June 30, 2004 through July, 2006</u>
Kimley-Horn, B1918170904	\$450, 000	\$3.6 million	\$3 million
Landrum & Brown B1918170905	\$4.5 million	\$10.7 million	\$8 million
Ricondo & Associates B1918170908	\$6 million	\$14.8 million	\$12 million
Carolyn Grisko B1918171003	\$600,000	\$1.45 million	\$1 million
Ricondo & Associates B1918171007	\$4.9 million	\$14 million	\$10 million
Unison-Maximus B1918170912	\$600,000	\$635,199	\$1.8 million

In addition, The City is also entering into an agreement with Alice Hoffman, founder of Hoffman Management Partners, LLC (HMP) to serve as a consultant on the design and implementation of effective program management systems for the OMP. The value of the contract is approximately \$3.4 million for a 5-year period. HMP is a certified woman-owned business enterprise.

“Ms. Hoffman’s professional expertise in program management and project management was clearly demonstrated by her successful performance for the Chicago Bears as manager of the Soldier Field Redevelopment project,” said Andolino. “Her participation on the OMP project will be a great benefit to the City of Chicago.”

The OMP will create 195,000 new jobs and an additional \$18 billion in annual economic activity to the region as well as providing delay reduction and capacity enhancement to O’Hare International Airport.