



CITY OF LE SUEUR  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Kucera, Public Services Director

SUBJECT: Airport Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Contract – 2022 and 2023

DATE: For the City Council Meeting of November 8, 2021

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**PURPOSE**

Consider approval of a resolution authorizing the execution of the annual airport maintenance and operation grant contract with the Minnesota Department of Transportation

**SUMMARY**

Annually the City Council authorizes the execution of the annual airport maintenance and operation contract with the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The City of Le Sueur is eligible for reimbursement of 100% of telecommunication costs associated with the operation of state-owned navigational aids and 75% of all other eligible maintenance and operation costs incurred locally at our airport that are not reimbursed by any other source. \$19,044.00 has been obligated for state fiscal year 2022 and 2023 for a total of \$38,088.00. This contract expires on June 30, 2023 at which time we would renew.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve a resolution authorizing staff to execute the annual airport maintenance and operation contract with the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**AIRPORT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION GRANT CONTRACT**

**State Project Number (S.P.):** A4005-MO22

**State Project Number (S.P.):** A4005-MO23

This contract is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Transportation (“State”) and City of LeSueur acting through its City Council (“Recipient”).

## RECITALS

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1. Minnesota Statutes §§360.015 and 360.305 authorize State to provide financial assistance to airports for maintenance and operation activities.
2. Recipient owns, operates, or controls an airport (“Airport”) in the state system, and Recipient desires financial assistance from the State for maintenance and operation activities for State Fiscal Year 2022 and State Fiscal Year 2023.
3. Recipient represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to perform all services described in this contract to the satisfaction of the State.

## CONTRACT TERMS

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### 1. Term of Contract and Survival of Terms

- 1.1. **Effective Date:** This contract will be effective on July 1, 2021, or the date State obtains all required signatures under Minnesota Statutes §16B.98, subdivision 5, whichever is later. As required by Minnesota Statutes §16B.98 Subd. 7, no payments will be made to Recipient until this contract is fully executed.
- 1.2. **Expiration Date:** This contract will expire on June 30, 2023.
- 1.3. **Survival of Terms:** All clauses which impose obligations continuing in their nature and which must survive in order to give effect to their meaning will survive the expiration or termination of this contract, including, but not limited to, the following clauses: 9. Indemnification; 10. State Audits; 11. Government Data Practices; 13. Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Venue; and 14. Data Disclosure.

### 2. Recipient’s Duties

- 2.1. Recipient will operate and maintain the Airport in a safe, serviceable manner for aeronautical purposes only for the use and benefit of the public.
- 2.2. The Recipient will keep the runway and the area around the lights mowed at the Airport. The grass must be mowed at least 7 feet beyond the lights, and the grass must not exceed 6 inches in height on the landing area. The areas around any navigational aids will be mowed and plowed to keep the area clear for access by a vehicle.
- 2.3. If the Airport remains operational during the winter months, the Recipient will keep at least one runway, associated taxiway, and apron area cleared of snow and ice to the same priority as arterial roads. Snow banks must be limited in height so that aircraft wings, engines, and propellers will clear them. Landing strip markers and/or lights must remain visible.

- 2.4. If the State contracts for the periodic paint striping of the Airport's runways and taxiways during the term of this Contract, the Recipient will cooperate with the marking operation. The Recipient must coordinate seal coat pavement maintenance projects with the State to maximize the pavement marking life.
- 2.5. The Recipient will allow a representative of the State's Office of Aeronautics access to any area of the Airport necessary for the purpose of periodic inspections.
- 2.6. The Recipient will promptly pay all utility bills, including those required for navigational aids.

### 3. Recipient's Assurances

- 3.1. In accordance with Minnesota Statutes § 360.305, subdivision 4, Recipient assures the State that Recipient will operate and maintain the Airport in a safe, serviceable manner for public aeronautical purposes only for a period of one year from the date the Recipient receives final reimbursement under this contract.
- 3.2. Recipient represents and warrants that Recipient has established a zoning authority for the Airport, and such authority has completed, or is in the process of and will complete, with due diligence, an airport zoning ordinance in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §§ 360.061 to 360.074.
- 3.3. Recipient will comply with all required grants management policies and procedures set forth through Minnesota Statutes §16B.97, Subd. 4 (a) (1).

### 4. Third-Party Contracting

- 4.1. Recipient will comply with all applicable local, state, or federal laws, regulations, policies and procedures in the procurement of goods and services funded in whole or in part under this Contract.

### 5. Consideration and Payment

- 5.1. **Consideration.** State will pay for all eligible telecommunication, maintenance, and operation costs incurred by Recipient under this Contract as follows:
  - 5.1.1. **Basis.** Recipient will be reimbursed for 100% of telecommunication costs associated with the operation of state-owned navigational aids. Recipient will be paid for 75% of all other eligible maintenance and operation costs not reimbursed by any other source. Eligible maintenance and operations costs will be determined at the sole discretion of State's Authorized Representative.
  - 5.1.2. **Telecommunication Amount.** State has currently obligated \$0.00 in each State fiscal year to reimburse eligible telecommunication costs at 100%.
  - 5.1.3. **Maintenance and Operation Amount.** State has currently obligated \$19,044.00 in each State fiscal year to reimburse other eligible costs at 75%.
  - 5.1.4. **Total Obligation.** The total obligation of State for all compensation and reimbursements to Recipient under this contract will not exceed \$38,088.00 (State fiscal years 2022 and 2023).
- 5.2. **Payment.**
  - 5.2.1. **Invoices.** The Recipient must submit a reimbursement request of its eligible costs to the Director of the Office of Aeronautics on a quarterly basis or as directed by State's Authorized Representative. The State's Office of Aeronautics will supply the reimbursement request forms which Recipient must submit. Reimbursement requests must be submitted according to the following schedule:
    - On or after October 1, **and no later than November 15**, for the period July 1 through September 30.
    - On or after January 1, **and no later than February 15**, for the period October 1 through December 31.
    - On or after April 1, **and no later than May 15**, for the period January 1 through March 31.
    - On or after July 1, **and no later than August 15**, for the period April 1 through June 30.

The State may reject costs that the State determines are not eligible maintenance and operations expenses.
  - 5.2.2. **All Invoices Subject to Audit.** All invoices are subject to audit, at State's discretion.

- 5.2.3. **State's Payment Requirements.** State will promptly pay all valid obligations under this contract as required by Minnesota Statutes §16A.124. State will make undisputed payments no later than 30 days after receiving Recipient's invoices and progress reports for services performed. If an invoice is incorrect, defective or otherwise improper, State will notify Recipient within ten days of discovering the error. After State receives the corrected invoice, State will pay Recipient within 30 days of receipt of such invoice.
- 5.2.4. **Grant Monitoring Visit and Financial Reconciliation.** If State's total obligation is greater than \$50,000 in section 5.1.4, above, during the period of performance the State will make at least one monitoring visit and conduct annual financial reconciliations of Recipient's expenditures. The State's Authorized Representative will notify Recipient's Authorized Representative where and when any monitoring visit and financial reconciliation will take place, which State employees and/or contractors will participate, and which Recipient staff members should be present. Recipient will be provided notice prior to any monitoring visit or financial reconciliation. Following a monitoring visit or financial reconciliation, Recipient will take timely and appropriate action on all deficiencies identified by State. At least one monitoring visit and one financial reconciliation must be completed prior to final payment being made to Recipient.
- 5.2.5. **Closeout.** The State will determine, at its sole discretion, whether a closeout audit is required prior to final payment approval. If a closeout audit is required, final payment will be held until the audit has been completed. Monitoring of any capital assets acquired with grant funds will continue following grant closeout.

## 6. Conditions of Payment

- 6.1. All services provided by Recipient under this contract must be performed to State's satisfaction, as determined at the sole discretion of State's Authorized Representative and in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, including business registration requirements of the Office of the Secretary of State. Recipient will not receive payment for work found by State to be unsatisfactory or performed in violation of federal, state or local law. In addition to the foregoing, Recipient will not receive payment for Airport's failure to pass periodic inspections by a representative of the State's Office of Aeronautics.

## 7. Authorized Representatives

- 7.1. **State's Authorized Representative.** State's Authorized Representative will be:

Name/Title: Jenny Bahneman, Grants Specialist Coordinator  
Address: Office of Aeronautics,  
395 John Ireland Boulevard, Mail Stop 410  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155  
E-Mail: jenny.bahneman@state.mn.us

State's Authorized Representative or his /her successor, will monitor Recipient's performance and has the authority to accept or reject the services provided under this contract. If the Recipient's duties are performed in a satisfactory manner, the State's Authorized Representative will accept each reimbursement request submitted for payment.

- 7.2. **Recipient's Authorized Representative.** Recipient's Authorized Representative will be:

Name/Title: Jasper Kruggel, City Administrator  
Address: 203 South Second Street, LeSueur, MN 56058  
Telephone: (507) 593-8312  
E-Mail: jkruggel@cityoflesueur.com

If Recipient's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this contract, Recipient must immediately notify State.

## 8. Assignment, Amendments, Waiver and Contract Complete

- 8.1. **Assignment.** Recipient may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this contract without the prior consent of State and a fully executed Assignment Contract, executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved this contract, or their successors in office.
- 8.2. **Amendments.** An amendment to this contract must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original contract, or their successors in office.
- 8.3. **Waiver.** If State fails to enforce any provision of this contract that failure does not waive the provision or State's right to subsequently enforce it.
- 8.4. **Contract Complete.** This contract contains all prior negotiations and agreements between State and Recipient. No other prior understanding regarding this contract, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.
- 8.5. **Electronic Records and Signatures.** The parties agree to contract by electronic means. This includes using electronic signatures and converting original documents to electronic records.

## 9. Indemnification

- 9.1. In the performance of this contract by Recipient, or Recipient's agents or employees, and to the extent permitted by law, Recipient must indemnify, save and hold State, its agents, and employees harmless from any and all claims or causes of action, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred by State, to the extent caused by Recipient's: 1) intentional, willful or negligent acts or omissions; 2) breach of contract or warranty; or 3) breach of the applicable standard of care. The indemnification obligations of this section do not apply if the claim or cause of action is the result of State's sole negligence. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies Recipient may have for State's failure to fulfill its obligation pursuant to this contract.

## 10. State Audits

- 10.1. Under Minnesota Statutes § 16B.98, Subd.8, the Recipient's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of Recipient, or other party relevant to this grant contract or transaction, are subject to examination by the State and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this contract or receipt and approval of all final reports, whichever is later. Recipient will take timely and appropriate action on all deficiencies identified by an audit.

## 11. Government Data Practices

- 11.1. Recipient and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, as it applies to all data provided by State under this contract, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained or disseminated by Recipient under this contract. The civil remedies of Minnesota Statutes §13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either Recipient or State. If Recipient receives a request to release the data referred to in this Clause, Recipient must immediately notify State and consult with State as to how Recipient should respond to the request. Recipient's response to the request must comply with applicable law.

## 12. Workers' Compensation

- 12.1. Recipient certifies that it is in compliance with Minnesota Statutes §176.181, subdivision 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. Recipient's employees and agents will not be considered State employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of these employees and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees are in no way the State's obligation or responsibility.

## 13. Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Venue

- 13.1. Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this contract. Venue for all legal proceedings arising out of this contract, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

## 14. Data Disclosure

- 14.1. Under Minnesota Statutes §270C.65, and other applicable law, Recipient consents to disclosure of its social security number, federal employer tax identification number and Minnesota tax identification number, already provided to State, to federal and state agencies and state personnel involved in the payment of state obligations. These identification numbers may be used in the enforcement of federal and state laws which could result in action requiring Recipient to file state tax returns and pay delinquent state tax liabilities, if any, or pay other state liabilities.

## 15. Termination and Suspension

- 15.1. **Termination by the State.** The State may terminate this contract with or without cause, upon 30 days written notice to the Recipient. Upon termination, the Recipient will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed.
- 15.2. **Termination for Cause.** The State may immediately terminate this grant contract if the State finds that there has been a failure to comply with the provisions of this contract, that reasonable progress has not been made, that fraudulent or wasteful activity has occurred, that Recipient has been convicted of a criminal offense relating to a state grant agreement, or that the purposes for which the funds were granted have not been or will not be fulfilled. The State may take action to protect the interests of the State of Minnesota, including the refusal to disburse additional funds and requiring the return of all or part of the funds already disbursed.
- 15.3. **Termination for Insufficient Funding.** The State may immediately terminate this contract if: It does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature; or If funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the services covered here. Termination must be by written or fax notice to the Recipient. The State is not obligated to pay for any services that are provided after notice and effective date of termination. However, the Recipient will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed to the extent that funds are available. The State will not be assessed any penalty if the contract is terminated because of the decision of the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source, not to appropriate funds. The State will provide the Recipient notice of the lack of funding within a reasonable time of the State's receiving that notice.
- 15.4. **Suspension.** The State may immediately suspend this contract in the event of a total or partial government shutdown due to the failure to have an approved budget by the legal deadline. Work performed by the Recipient during a period of suspension will be deemed unauthorized and undertaken at risk of non-payment.

## 16. Discrimination Prohibited by Minnesota Statutes §181.59

- 16.1. Recipient will comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes §181.59 which requires that every contract for or on behalf of the State of Minnesota, or any county, city, town, township, school, school district or any other district in the state, for materials, supplies or construction will contain provisions by which Contractor agrees: 1) That, in the hiring of common or skilled labor for the performance of any work under any contract, or any subcontract, no Contractor, material supplier or vendor, will, by reason of race, creed or color, discriminate against the person or persons who are citizens of the United States or resident aliens who are qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates; 2) That no Contractor, material supplier, or vendor, will, in any manner, discriminate against, or intimidate, or prevent the employment of any person or persons identified in clause 1 of this section, or on being hired, prevent or conspire to prevent, the person or persons from the performance of work under any contract on account of race, creed or color; 3) That a violation of this section is a misdemeanor; and 4) That this contract may be canceled or terminated by the state of Minnesota, or any county, city, town, township, school, school district or any other person authorized to grant contracts for employment, and all money due, or to become due under the contract, may be forfeited for a second or any subsequent violation of the terms or conditions of this contract.

## 17. Limitation.

- 17.1. Under this contract, the State is only responsible for disbursing funds. Nothing in this contract will be construed to make the State a principal, co-principal, partner, or joint venturer with respect to the Project(s) covered herein. The State may provide technical advice and assistance as requested by the Recipient, however, the Recipient will remain responsible for providing direction to its contractors and consultants and for administering its contracts with such entities. The Recipient's consultants and contractors are not intended to be third party beneficiaries of this contract.

**STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION**

Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minnesota Statutes §16A.15 and §16C.05.\*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SWIFT Contract (SC) ID No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Order (PO) ID No. \_\_\_\_\_

\*PO staged and to be encumbered with future State fiscal year funds.

**RECIPIENT**

Recipient certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed Contracts on behalf of Recipient as required by applicable articles, bylaws or resolutions.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(with delegated authority)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MnDOT OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT – GRANT UNIT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MnDOT CONTRACT MANAGEMENT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF LE SUEUR, MINNESOTA  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION **R2021-044**  
AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION AIRPORT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION GRANT  
CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the City of Le Sueur has applied for a grant for the maintenance and operation of the airport; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation has approved a grant for the maintenance and operation of the airport; and

WHEREAS, the state of Minnesota Contract Number 1047474, "Airport Maintenance and Operation Grant Contract," at the Le Sueur Municipal Airport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The City of Le Sueur authorizes the City Administrator and City Clerk to execute this Agreement and any amendments on behalf of the City of Le Sueur.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Le Sueur on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

ATTEST

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

VOTE:     \_\_\_ KIRBY   \_\_\_ KROGMANN   \_\_\_ LOOSE  
\_\_\_ HUNTINGTON   \_\_\_ SCHLUETER   \_\_\_ SULLIVAN   \_\_\_ SWANBERG