



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of September 9, 2025
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of September 23, 2025

DATE: September 9, 2025

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Construction Contract Award</u> Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant– Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Perimeter Fence Grant</p>
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CAPTION:

Ordinance awarding a construction contract to Fencing Unlimited, LLC of West Monroe, LA for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant–Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Perimeter Fence Grant Project in an amount up to \$1,022,900.00; located in Council District 4; appropriating \$615,514.30 from the U.S. Department of the Navy.

SUMMARY:

The ordinance authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of \$615,514.30 from the U.S. Department of the Navy for the Federal cost share for reimbursement of expenses and the execution of a construction contract for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG)–Naval Air Station Corpus Christi (NASCC) Perimeter Fence Grant Project.

The construction contract provides replacement of approximately 13,500 linear feet of deteriorated perimeter fence and one gate at the Naval Air Station-Corpus Christi.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

On June 21, 2023, the City of Corpus Christi was awarded \$1,000,000 under the FY23 Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) from the Office of the Governor to replace the deteriorated perimeter fencing and a gate at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi (NASCC). The US Department of the Navy has a cash match of \$1,000,000 or 47.1% of all construction costs, which will be paid through reimbursement of expenses to the City. The Texas Legislature appropriated \$30 million in this biennium to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission-DEAAG fund to assist defense communities that a past or future Base Realignment and Closure action has impacted.

NASCC's current perimeter fence for the base and its facilities is deteriorating due to its age in the harsh coastal marine environment and no longer meets the U.S. Department of Defense's standards for force protection. This project will replace approximately 13,500 linear feet of deteriorated perimeter fence and a gate to prevent unauthorized entry into protected areas and to comply with current U.S. Department of Defense Antiterrorism and Force Protection standards at the NASCC. The NASCC has furnished a prioritize list of fencing sections for repair and replacement.

The table below presents the budget breakdown, showing the equal split of expenses between the DEAAG grant, the U.S. Department of the Navy, and the City, which is responsible for the project procurement, management, and grant administrative services.

ENTITY	USE OF FUNDING	MAXIMUM FUNDING	PERCENTAGE
DEAAG	Construction & Design	\$ 1,000,000	47.1%
US Navy	Construction	\$1,000,000	47.1%
City of Corpus Christi	Project Management	\$123,100	5.8%

The DEAAG funding requires expenditures to be completed by September 22, 2025, and reimbursement requested from the Governor's Office by November 6, 2025.

The construction bid received totaled \$1,022,900, which was below the requested amount. On July 28, 2025, the City requested a change in scope from the Office of the Governor to utilize the cost savings of the DEAAG Fence Project on other Navy initiatives. This change in scope was declined by the grantor. The City will complete the Perimeter Fence project construction in the amount of \$1,022,900, with the expenses being split between the grant and Navy.

PROJECT TIMELINE:

2025	2025				2025 - 2026
March - May	J	J	A	S	October - May
Design	Bid/Award				Construction

The Project schedule reflects City Council award in September 2025 with anticipated construction completion in May 2026.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION PROCESS:

On May 18, 2025, the Contracts and Procurement Department issued a Request for Bids (RFB #6506) for the DEAAG NASCC Perimeter Fence Grants project. On July 2, 2025, the city received nine bids. The city analyzed the bids according to the contract documents and determined that Fencing Unlimited, LLC, was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The lowest bid received is within the acceptable range of the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost. Infinite Field Services was determined to be non-responsive with failure to demonstrate sufficient experience with at least 5 similar projects within the last 5 years, failure to provide pricing for all bid items, and failure to provide all required documents for bid.

A summary of the bids is provided below:

BID SUMMARY	
CONTRACTOR	BASE BID
Fencing Unlimited, LLC West Monroe, LA	\$1,022,900.00
Grace Paving and Construction, INC Corpus Christi, TX	\$1,234,823.50
Jerdon Enterprise, LP San Antonio, TX	\$1,235,235.00
Barcom Construction, Inc. Corpus Christi, TX	\$1,242,084.00
Gutier, LLC Missouri City, TX	\$1,383,100.00
Clearfield Construction, LLC San Antonio, TX	\$1,547,219.00
Bonco, LLC Driscoll, TX	\$1,628,502.50
CCC Group San Antonio, TX	\$1,659,515.73
Infinite Field Services The Woodlands, TX	N/A
Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost	\$1,778,450.00

Fencing Unlimited, LLC, has successfully completed various projects with comparable scopes of work for other municipalities, including:

- City of Lake Jackson, Texas: remove and replace six softball fields fencing at a cost of \$242,016.50. Project completion: September 2024.
- Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Louisiana: install security fence at a cost of \$44,000. Project completion: March 2024
- Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Louisiana: replacement of fence at a cost of \$989,000.00. Project completion: March 2025.
- Port of Columbia, Louisiana: replacement of security fence at airport at a cost of \$749,661.00. Project completion: November 2024

Given that this project is supported by federal funding, the award will be granted to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder whose proposal offers the greatest benefits to the project. Fencing Unlimited, LLC, was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Fencing Unlimited, LLC, has successfully expanded its operations to different states. A project was recently completed in the City of Lake Jackson, Texas.

A dedicated team, led by a Superintendent from Fencing Unlimited, LLC, will be deployed to complete all project aspects, with the exception of the retaining wall. The contractor will bring on a subcontractor specifically for the retaining wall's construction. All necessary materials, including those for the fence and concrete, will be sourced locally from Corpus Christi.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could choose not to award the construction contract to the low bidder, Fencing Unlimited, LLC, which would delay improvements to the perimeter fence. It would also cause the City to not meet the grant deadline.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The additional funding of \$407,385.70 is available from the FY23 DEAAG Grant and the amount of \$615,514.30 is available from the US Department of the Navy, through cost reimbursement. There is no fiscal impact to the general fund.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: 1072 Community Development Grant Fund
Department: 46 Wastewater
Organization/Activity: 89 Grants & CIP/ **DEAAG Navy Cost Share**
Account: Construction (550910)
Amount: \$615,514.30

Fund: 1072 Community Development Grant Fund
Department: 46 Wastewater
Organization/Activity: 89 Grants & CIP/ **870112S - DEAAG Fenceline Grant**
Account: Construction (550910)
Amount: \$407,385.70

Total Amount \$1,022,900.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend awarding a construction contract to Fencing Unlimited, LLC, for the DEAAG NASCC Perimeter Fence Grant project in the amount of \$1,022,900.00. The construction duration is planned for 7 months from issuance of Notice to Proceed to begin construction in October 2025 with anticipated completion by May 2026.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Bid Tabs
Location
Map
PowerPoint Presentation
U.S. Dept of Navy Order of Work PR# 1401292822, Document# N0021625MD00410
Certificate of Funds