



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting 06/30/2026

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### Access Control Project at the Corpus Christi International Airport – Phase 2

#### **CAPTION:**

Motion authorizing the procurement of access control equipment from Firetrol Protection Systems of Corpus Christi, Texas, through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program, for a total cost of \$214,221.24. Funding for this purchase is included in the FY2026 Airport Operating Budget.

#### **SUMMARY:**

Phase 2 will replace all remaining 15-year-old APC Pro access control panels. Existing Ultra panels will remain in service and are scheduled for internal replacement over the next three years as part of our ongoing lifecycle management plan.

The Phase 2 Access Control project includes the replacement and installation of the following equipment and services:

- Replacement of 14 APC iSTAR Pro panels
- Programming and commissioning of new control panels
- Programming of 74 doors and 14 panic buttons
- Installation of 68 card readers

This phase will replace all Software House APC Pro panels, associated cabling, and card readers with current-generation Software House iSTAR G2 equipment.

Upon completion of Phase 2, seven Ultra panels will remain. These are scheduled for replacement before 2029. Because these are panel-only replacements that do not require card reader upgrades, the work can be completed by in-house staff without external contractor support.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

In April 2025, CCIA began replacing the Airport's security infrastructure, which included a software upgrade and the replacement of fifteen (15) access control panels and associated card readers for 42 doors, which provide access to airport-secured areas.

CCIA's access control system is a critical component of the Airport's security infrastructure, supporting the safe and secure operation of the facility by regulating access to security-sensitive areas. Automated access control is essential for meeting Transportation Security Administration (TSA) requirements related to restricting, monitoring, and documenting access to secured areas of the Airport.

The existing Software House access control hardware installed throughout the Terminal Building is being replaced because the current access control panels no longer support modern encryption standards and are end-of-life. Additionally, the hardware is not fully compatible with the latest version of the CCURE 9000 access control software.

This project includes the purchase and installation of replacement access control panels, door card readers, and associated wiring. Installation will begin approximately 30 days after project approval and is expected to take up to 180 days to complete. Airport Information Technology staff will support the installation to help manage costs and ensure proper configuration, integration, and performance of the new hardware.

### **PROCUREMENT DETAIL:**

This procurement will be completed as a direct purchase from Firetrol Protection Systems, using competitively solicited pricing under the Buy Board cooperative purchasing contract.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative, less secure approach, would be to convert affected doors to a traditional lock-and-key system as the access control panels fail. The issuance and management of physical keys are subject to Transportation Security Administration (TSA) oversight and present additional security and administrative challenges. Failure to maintain a compliant and operational access control system could result in TSA enforcement actions, including monetary penalties, and may negatively impact the Airport's eligibility for future federal funding opportunities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding of \$214,221.24 is available in the FY 2026 Airport Operating Budget.

**FUNDING DETAIL:**

Fund:	4610 Airport Fund
Organization/Activity:	35045 Airport IT
Department:	53 Aviation
Project ( <b>CIP Only</b> ):	N/A
Account:	530230 Equipment Maintenance
Amount:	\$214,221.24

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the agreement with Firetrol Protection Systems as presented to support the continued operation of CCIA's access control system, maintain compliance with security requirements, and preserve the integrity of critical airport infrastructure necessary for the safe and secure operation of the Airport.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Service Agreement