



Legislation Text

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ORDINANCE NO. 230909

Sponsor: Councilmember Melissa Robinson

Directing the City Manager to add an addendum to the Invitation for Bid for the demolition of former Terminals B and C adding a requirement to include a Workforce Enhancement Program; report back and present to the Council a draft of the addendum for its approval; and the approved addendum requires council approval.

WHEREAS, the City owns, operates and maintains the Kansas City International Airport (“Airport” or “KCI”) including the new single terminal and Terminals B and C which were part of the former terminal; and

WHEREAS, when the developer of the new single terminal issued an RFP for the construction of the new single terminal, it included a Terminal Workforce Enhancement Program that offered to workers on the project, among other things, bus transportation, child care, mentor programs and incubator space on a limited capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Terminal Workforce Enhancement Program was directly and substantially related to development of the new single terminal, and was a benefit to the Airport as it promoted and helped ensure a workforce which was experienced, motivated, trained and available to work on the development; and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to undertake the demolition of Terminals B and C (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the City, following its procurement processes set out in its Code of Ordinances, issued an Invitation for Bid on September 26, 2023 for the Project that includes a 15% participation for MBE and 9% participation for WBE; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that including a Terminal Workforce Enhancement Program requirement that is substantially and directly related to the Project is a benefit to the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the nationwide shortage of skilled construction workers and the resulting reduction of available subcontractors and trade contractors have reduced the number of firms and tradespersons that may be available to competitively bid and successfully complete work on the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Terminal Workforce Enhancement Program will directly relate to and benefit the Project by establishing programs to grow the pool of available and willing firms and tradespersons by eliminating or mitigating the entry barriers to workers and firms in order to enlarge the pool of skilled workers available to complete the Project. Eliminating entry barriers and enlarging the pool of potential job applicants will substantially and directly benefit the Project by helping to minimize labor shortages that would otherwise escalate labor costs for the Project, consistent with local and federal goals to remove barriers from and take

affirmative steps to enhance, participation by disadvantaged businesses enterprises on airport projects; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. Directing the City Manager to add an addendum to the Invitation for Bid for the demolition of former Terminals B and C adding a requirement to include a Workforce Enhancement Program.

Section 2. Further directing the City Manager to report back and present to the Council a draft of the addendum to the Invitation for Bid for its approval.

Section 3. That the approved addendum to be included in the Invitation for Bid requires council approval.

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Approved as to form:

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