

**Agenda Item:** 3.a

**Meeting Date:** October 15, 2019

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** City Commission

**Date:** 2019-08-12

**From:** Jeffrey Parks, Fire Chief

**Subject:** Award of Bid 19-1134: Construction of Fire Training Center/EOC Building

**Presenter(s):** Jeffrey Parks, Fire Chief

**Recommend:** Staff recommends approval of the bid from Bandes Construction Company, Inc. for the base bid of \$3,284,550, Owner Contingency of \$114,959, Alternate #1 for \$35,000, Alternate #2 for \$295,000, and Alternate #4 for \$9,000.

**Epic Goal(s):** Enhance community and employee relationship strategies that strengthen inclusiveness, respect, transparency and collaborative engagement.

**Boards & Committees:** Public Safety Committee

**Budget Impact:** Funds were budgeted in Fire Impact Fee Fund (Acct.# 116-2220-522-056201), Penny Fund (Acct.# 134-2220-522-056201), and General Fund (Acct.# 001-2220-522-056210). The Project Number is 221801. A future budget amendment in 2020 will be brought before the City Commission to transfer \$421,000 from the Infrastructure Sales Tax (Penny) Fund to cover this increase in cost above the amount originally budgeted.

**Past Action:** None

**Next Action:** None

**Attachments:**

[A. Bid 19-1134 Construction of an EOC - Fire Training Center.pdf](#), [C. Mason Blau Memo.pdf](#), [C. Finance Memo - EOC.pdf](#), [D. BA - EOC.pdf](#), [E. 18026 EOC Progress Renderings\\_101519.pptx](#), [F. SUPPLEMENT: EOC CIP Project Cost Changes Fy 16-FY20.XLSX](#),

**Background:**

In May, 2014 planning started on the concept of constructing a Fire Training/EOC building for the City. A group of several Department Heads and others that would be involved in the use of the building toured several EOC's in Pinellas County to gather information needed that would be considered in the facility design. Mason Blau and Associates, Inc. began work on design of the facility in September 2018. The site is to be located at 2835 Belcher Road, next to Fire Station 62. The single story building will be 5,620 GSF and will be constructed to withstand a Category 5 wind speed storm. The facility will be self-sufficient for seven days including water, power, and sanitation. When not functioning as an Emergency Operations Center (EOC), the building will be used to hold fire/EMS training classes. The building will also be available for other City departments to hold training and meetings at as two classrooms and separate breakout/meeting rooms will be available. The facility will house the Division Chief of Training who will coordinate the operation of the building.

Due to the size, scope and complexity of this project, the City decided to pre-qualify contractors for this work. The City received six responses to RFQ 19-1129 and four of those contractors were prequalified to bid on the construction of the facility. Four bids were received and opened on September 16, 2019 and Bandes Construction Company, Inc. was the low bid. City staff reviewed the bids and three previous customers were contacted and gave positive reviews of the company. The bid met all of the requirements of the bid specifications and was found to be the "lowest cost, responsive and responsible bid" as required by the specifications.