



TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR STAFF REPORT

AGENDA TITLE: TTAD ATIS & Contract Amendment with Midwest ATC

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2022

PREPARED BY: Mike Cooke

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Informational only, no action required

DISCUSSION: The Truckee Tahoe Airport District has acted as a Supplemental Aviation Weather Reporting Station for several decades, providing hourly weather reports for use in flight planning, aviation and general weather forecasting. Since the District opened an air traffic control tower, the option to enhance weather and airfield-condition information via an ATIS, Automatic Terminal Information Service, has been discussed by staff, aviation stakeholders, and the Board of Directors. Having ATC personnel observe, report, and manage the data is expected to enhance overall safety and streamline communication of pertinent airfield information to airfield users.

The project was approved in 2021 and staff solicited bids from several vendors, ultimately choosing All Weather Inc out of Sacramento for the system. TTAD will hand the reins of the routine weather reports, called METARS, over to Midwest ATC in January of 2023 when the ATIS system goes live.

Midwest ATC controllers at TRK have attained weather certifications and procured additional backup reporting equipment deemed necessary for the additional tasks. Midwest is in the process of obtaining supplemental liability insurance appropriate for the new services they will be providing.

FISCAL IMPACT: Overall cost increase to TTAD over the remaining ATC contract with Midwest is \$26,126. The ATIS system, which included some upgrades to existing AWOS equipment, came out to \$67,646.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Midwest ATC Contract Amendment