



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001515

MEETING DATE: 08/25/2026
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): District 5
SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: John Wayne Airport
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Charlene Reynolds, 949-252-5183
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SUBJECT: Approve Contract for Fly Friendly Program Software System Maintenance

CEO CONCUR

Concur

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW

Approve agreement to form

CLERK OF THE BOARD

DISCUSSION

3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: Yes

Current Year Cost: \$75,000

Annual Cost:

FY 2027-28 \$75,000

FY 2028-29 \$75,000

FY 2029-30 \$75,000

FY 2030-31 \$74,940

Staffing Impact: No

Sole Source: Yes

Current Fiscal Year

Funding Source: Fund 280: 100%

County Audit in Last 3

Revenue: N/A

years: No

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Completed? Yes

Prior Board Action: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

- 1, Find that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Class 1 (Existing Facilities) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.
2. Authorize the County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to execute Contract MA-280-27010043 with BridgeNet International, Inc., dba BridgeNet International, A Tetra Tech Company, for The Fly Friendly Program Software System Maintenance and Support, effective October 20, 2026, through October 19, 2031, in a total amount not to exceed \$374,940.

SUMMARY:

Approval of a Sole Source Contract with BridgeNet International, Inc., dba BridgeNet International, A Tetra Tech Company, for Fly Friendly Program Software System Maintenance and Support will ensure uninterrupted support for John Wayne Airport's voluntary efforts to minimize community noise

disturbances. The Fly Friendly Program promotes responsible operating practices by educating general aviation jet operators and recognizing those who voluntarily achieve measurable noise-reduction results.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In August 2022, John Wayne Airport (JWA) launched the voluntary Fly Friendly Program for General Aviation (GA) jet operators. The program was created to support surrounding communities by educating GA operators and recognizing their voluntary efforts to reduce aircraft noise and environmental impacts. Fly Friendly scores operators across four key areas: Quietest Departures, Nighttime Noise Reduction, Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability, and Most Engaging, with recognition provided through an annual awards program.

The initial year of program development and implementation was incorporated into JWA's existing Airport Noise Monitoring System Services Contract, approved by the Board of Supervisors (Board) in September 2021. BridgeNet International, Inc., dba BridgeNet International, A Tetra Tech Company (BridgeNet), the current vendor for both the Airport Noise Monitoring Services and Access/General Aviation Noise Ordinance (GANO) system contracts, also developed the Fly Friendly Program software. Because these three systems share data and are fully integrated, continuity with BridgeNet is essential to ensure accuracy, consistency, and reliable system performance.

A five-year sole source contract will allow JWA to continue maintaining, supporting, and enhancing the Fly Friendly Program and its software platform. Continued system improvements are expected to increase operator participation and further reduce potential impacts on surrounding communities. At the conclusion of the five-year term, JWA will reevaluate the systems' performance, functionality, and cost effectiveness. The evaluation will include a review of available alternatives and an analysis of whether transitioning the services to a competitive procurement is feasible and in JWA's best interest. The results of this evaluation will inform JWA's determination regarding the appropriate path forward.

The proposed Contract is a Sole Source Contract. Although other vendors offer similar services, none provide software compatible with JWA's proprietary, integrated systems. Replacing BridgeNet's systems would require dismantling the existing noise monitoring and Access/GANO platforms, issuing a formal Request for Proposal, and rebuilding a complex suite of integrated systems necessary to maintain compliance with the Airport's mandatory 1985 Settlement Agreement, Phase 2 Access Plan, and General Aviation Noise Ordinance. Such an undertaking would be significantly more costly, require extensive staff retraining, and involve lengthy system testing to ensure data integrity. In addition, the Airport Noise Monitoring System Services contract was approved on June 23, 2026, and its term is expected to align closely with the proposed five-year Sole Source contract for the Fly Friendly Program Software System Maintenance and Support. This alignment will allow JWA to evaluate both systems concurrently and assess future procurement options in a coordinated manner.

Maintaining the current vendor and system architecture, therefore, remains the most cost-effective and operationally sound approach to supporting JWA's noise management commitments and the continued success of the Fly Friendly Program.

The Orange County Preference Policy is not applicable to this contract.

An analysis was completed to verify that the contract provides the County with personnel who are specially trained, experienced, expert and competent to perform the specialized services in accordance with applicable law.

When measuring performance metrics, the contract with BridgeNet has delivered measurable operational and community benefits since its implementation in 2022. Pilot education and awareness have steadily increased, supported by an interactive software platform that allows operators to view their Fly Friendly scores in real time and track their progress throughout the year. This ongoing access has strengthened engagement and encouraged more consistent adoption of Fly Friendly practices.

Overall program scoring has demonstrated year-over-year improvement since 2022, reflecting sustained positive behavioral changes among operators. While reductions in nighttime operations continue, the rate of decline has become more modest over time. Still, the combined effect of increased awareness, readily accessible performance data, and formal program support underscores the contract's continued contribution to improved operational behavior and reduced community impacts.

Compliance with CEQA: The proposed project is Categorically Exempt (Class 1) from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines, because it involves the operation, repair and maintenance of existing public or private equipment, involving no expansion of existing or former use.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Appropriations for this contract are included in Airport Operating Fund 280 FY 2026-27 Budget and will be included in the budgeting process for future years.

The proposed Contract includes provisions stating the Contract is subject to, and contingent upon, applicable budgetary appropriations being approved by the Board for each fiscal year during the term of the Contract. If such appropriations are not approved, or are reduced, the Contract may be immediately modified or terminated without penalty to the County. The contract contains language allowing the County to terminate the contract without penalty for cause or after 30 days written notice without cause.

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Contract MA-280-27010043 for The Fly Friendly Program Software System Maintenance and Support with BridgeNet International, Inc., dba BridgeNet International, A Tetra Tech Company