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BOARD APPROVES CHINO AIRPORT PLANNING SERVICES AGREEMENT

The Board of Supervisors today approved an agreement with Coffman Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$462,391 for planning services for the Chino Airport Master Plan Update.

“I am pleased that this initial component of the Chino Airport expansion project has been decided, and now we can move along to the strategic planning phase of this ambitious economic development project,” said Board Chairman and Fourth District Supervisor Gary Ovitt. “This will benefit residents of both the County and the city of Chino.”

Planning services include, but are not limited to, consultation and advice and/or preparation/development of documents that relate to the following subjects: Airport(s) Master Plan, Environmental/Wildlife Assessment, Land Acquisition, Land Use Plan(s), Hangar Development, Pavement Maintenance, Rules and Regulations, Minimum Standards and Airspace Analysis.

On December 16, 2008 the Board of Supervisors authorized the Department of Airports to issue a Request for Qualifications to solicit responses from qualified vendors interested in providing airport planning services to the County.

The solicitation was posted on the Purchasing Department’s website, aviation organizational websites and a pre-response meeting was conducted. As a result, six responses were received and evaluated through a comprehensive evaluation process.

Ovitt went on to say, “The process evaluated the proposals for specificity, completeness, the qualifications of personnel, demonstrated knowledge and experience in airport planning services and adherence to the guidelines of the request. Utilizing a point system, Coffman Associates, Inc. was then selected by the evaluation committee as the most qualified airport planning consultant firm.”

The first project slated for the consultant is to update the Chino Airport Master Plan as the current plan is outdated due to changing economic, sociological and demographic conditions in the region. An updated Master Plan would provide the County, the

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Department of Airports, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with a blueprint for future development and financing of the airport in response to demand. Today's approval of this agreement authorizes Coffman Associates to proceed with updating the plan.

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