

AGENDA

**Port Freeport
Operations/Safety/Security Advisory Committee
Special Meeting
Thursday, September 9, 2021, 12:15 pm - 12:45 pm
In Person & Videoconference - Administration Building - 1100 Cherry Street - Freeport**

This meeting may be attended virtually or in person.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code titled "Videoconference Call." This statute provides public officials, employees and members of the public may participate remotely in a public meeting by videoconference call. The Port Commission is utilizing this existing statute to ensure the greatest amount of access to the public and ensure the ability of all Commissioners to participate in meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The quorum of the Port Commission will be located at the Commissioner Meeting Room located at 1100 Cherry Street, Freeport, Texas ("Meeting Location"). The Port Commission intends to have a quorum at the Meeting Location. The presiding Commissioner of this meeting will be physically present at the Meeting Location. The public will be permitted to physically attend the meeting at the Meeting Location.

Public comment will be available at the beginning of the meeting during the agenda item devoted to public comment. Public comment may be communicated virtually and in person, but in either event public comment will be limited to 5 minutes per participant and must be communicated verbally. Following public comment, the public will not be permitted to communicate with the Port Commission.

This meeting agenda and agenda packet is posted online at www.portfreeport.com

The videoconference is available online as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87690162581?pwd=NzVlU1dzSThUZHkwVjBLWEVpbk4zZz09>

Meeting ID: 876 9016 2581

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1. Committee Members: Pirtle (Chairman), Santos, Croft
2. CONVENE OPEN SESSION in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et. seq., to review and consider the following:
3. Roll Call.
4. Public Comment. (Public comment will be limited to 5 minutes per participant and can be completed in person or virtually via the toll free number)

5. Discussion regarding bids received for security K9 contract services.
6. EXECUTIVE SESSION in accordance with Subchapter D of the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et. seq., to review and consider the following:
 - A Under authority of Section 551.076 (Deliberation of Security Matters) for discussion regarding:
 1. Discussion regarding issues related to the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices or security audit and services.
7. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:
8. Adjourn.

The Committee does not anticipate going into a closed session under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code at this meeting for any other items on the agenda, however, if necessary, the Committee may go into a closed session as permitted by law regarding any item on the agenda.



Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO

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DATE: September 3, 2020

SUBJECT: Canine Detection Services RFP Summary

Purpose

Port Freeport is seeking a contractor to provide canine detection services for narcotics, explosives, firearms, and currency. The primary focus of this mission is to locate contraband and explosives prior to entering commerce or the community. Additionally, we want to create a visual deterrent to discourage the criminal element from attempting to transport contraband and/or explosives through Port Freeport while providing a safe work environment for our staff and Port users.

The scope of this project includes canine screening for 390 hours per year (65 onsite visits) for three (3) years starting October 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2024.

Request for Proposal

The core requirements within the Request for Proposal (RFP) included:

- The contractor shall be capable of detecting narcotics, explosives, and firearms on each scheduled day unless advised by Port Freeport to bring a specific canine capability.
 - Prior to November 30, 2021, the contractor shall be cable of detecting circulated and uncirculated US currency on each scheduled day unless advised by Port Freeport to bring a specific canine capability.
- In the event a canine becomes unavailable, the contractor shall be able to bring a back-up canine with the same capabilities.
- No patrol canines (i.e., bite dogs) will be permissible.
- The contractor is responsible for providing kenneling when on site.
- Handlers assigned to the contract shall have a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC).
- The contractor shall have at least 2 years of experience working canines in a Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) environment.
- The contractor shall directly provide the K9 detection services (i.e., no subcontractors).

An announcement for the Request for Proposal (RFP) was posted in the Facts on August 17th and August 24th.

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RAVI K. SINGHANIA, COMMISSIONER; SHANE PIRTLE, COMMISSIONER; PHYLLIS SAATHOFF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO

Additionally, copies of the RFP were sent to the following canine detection services:

- InterQuest K9
- Seal Security
- Focuss Services
- Covenant K9 Detection Services
- Worldwide Canine
- Houston K9 Academy
- CDS K9

A reminder email was sent to the above listed firms on August 30th.

The bid opening was on August 31st at 1:00PM at the Port Freeport Emergency Operation Center. Covenant K9 Detection Services and Worldwide Canine submitted proposals.

Request for Proposal Summary

The information below summarizes the RFP results:

- InterQuest K9
 - They did not submit a bid, because they did not have the capability to detect explosives, firearms, or currency
 - They did not have a Class C security license
- Seal Security
 - Did not submit a quote
- Focuss Services
 - They choose not to bid, because of the lack of maritime experience and currency detection capabilities
- Covenant K9 Detection Services
 - Rate: Year 1 = \$175/hour; Year 2 = \$200/hour; Year 3 = \$225/hour
 - Travel Rate: Year 1 = \$0/trip; Year 2 = \$0/trip; Year 3 = \$0/trip
 - Annual Cost: Year 1 = \$68,250; Year 2 = \$78,000; Year 3 = \$87,750
 - 3 Year Contract Total: \$234,000

- Worldwide Canine
 - Rate: Year 1 = \$125/hour; Year 2 = \$135/hour; Year 3 = \$150/hour
 - Travel Rate: Year 1 = \$80/trip; Year 2 = \$80/trip; Year 3 = \$80/trip
 - Annual Cost: Year 1 = \$53,950; Year 2 = \$57,850; Year 3 = \$63,700
 - 3 Year Contract Total: \$175,500
- Houston K9 Academy
 - Did not submit a proposal
- CDS K9
 - Did not submit a proposal