

PORT OF SEATTLE
MEMORANDUM

COMMISSION AGENDA – STAFF BRIEFING

Item No. 7b
Date of Meeting November 30, 2009

DATE: November 4, 2009

TO: Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Michael Ehl, Director Aviation Operations

SUBJECT: On-Demand Taxi Services at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport

BACKGROUND

The staff of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Airport) is reviewing submittals received in response to a Request for Proposal (RFP) to competitively award taxi services to the Airport. This competitive process, as endorsed and approved by the Commission, will succeed the current exclusive contract in place with Seattle-Tacoma International Taxi Association since 1989.

Prior to advertisement of the RFP, Airport staff, in conjunction with the City of Seattle, held a series of public meetings with a broad spectrum of industry stakeholders including drivers, operators and taxi associations, from which valuable input was obtained for inclusion in the solicitation.

In reviewing submitted proposals the selection team will be guided by the following objectives:

- Maintain safe, efficient service with maximum five-minute wait times;
- Operate an environmentally superior fleet and reduce deadheading;
- Provide economic benefit to taxi associations, operators, drivers and the Port;
- Standardize taxi rules and regulations within the Region to the greatest extent possible.

The RFP was released on September 25, 2009, with two subsequent pre-proposal meetings. Airport staff has successfully responded to all questions from the pre-proposal meetings and from the Port's E-Bid system.

Today's staff briefing will further explain the philosophy behind the aforementioned principles and provide a more in-depth review of the evaluation process. Airport staff intends to request approval to award this contract at the December 15, 2009 Commission meeting.