

**EXPLANATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM E.2.c.(5) - February 15, 2017**

**ITEM:**

Consideration of authorizing staff to issue a formal solicitation from licensed vendors for a contract to perform maintenance and repair for Port owned facilities of the fire detection systems, fire suppression systems, and system central station monitoring.

**EXPLANATION:**

**Background:**

Since May 2012, the Port has received fire alarm and fire sprinkler service per a piggyback contract under the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA). SimplexGrinnell LP is the current licensed provider of this service. This contract will expire April 30, 2017. The NJPA contract has set prices based on a national standard, should the Port elect to remain with the NJPA, the Port will be subject to the new pricing that goes into effect May 1<sup>st</sup> 2017.

**Current Action Details:**

At its expiration, the current contract will have been in effect for five years; as a general practice the Port's service contracts are limited to five years. Given the significant level of facilities upgrades, alterations, and new construction which has occurred over the last five years, staff feels these changes have substantially altered the nature of fire alarm and sprinkler services the Port requires. Staff believes it is prudent to have these services reevaluated facility by facility, and have licensed vendors submit new pricing bids, with considerations given to recent technological updates and the new communication standards set by the Brevard County Emergency Operations Center.

**Staff Recommends Approval**

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