PROJECT SHEET

Project Name: Regional Public Safety Training Academy: Multi-Purpose Training Facility

Location: The Regional Public Safety Training Academy is a joint academy for both the Tucson Fire Department (TFD) and Tucson Police Department (TPD). It is located at 10001 S. Wilmot

Scope: Scope of work includes the construction of a new 25,000 square foot multi-purpose facility that will enable an expansion for both police and fire classrooms, locker rooms, physical training and entry-level physical tests, and a raised stage and large flexible room for presentations, graduations, and ceremonies. The overall facility will also provide a vital and critical regional asset for emergency housing in case of disasters in Pima County. Required site work to address parking reconfigurations and drainage is also included in the scope of work as well as required Central Plant upgrades to accommodate the additional facility and programmed square footage.

Benefits: The classrooms will be able to expand to different sizes based on the number of students in the class. Each classroom will have individual entrances and exits to avoid distractions, convenience, and address egress code requirements. Existing classroom space for the public safety academy is extremely limited at this time. TFD and TPD have had to postpone and cancel classes due to current classrooms being fully utilized and over scheduled. With the addition of these new flexible classrooms, TFD, TPD and other agencies will be able to conduct classes for recruits, conduct continuing education classes, certifications classes, and other outside agency classes. During training, the dedicated classroom setting can be left in place as training moves outdoors and then back to the classroom. This provides an overall more efficient schedule for the departments and visiting agencies. Pima College currently uses the Academy for their classes and the additional square footage would also support their curriculum.

The 100’ x 158’ multi-purpose space will be used at various times throughout the year for indoor testing and training for physical maneuvers that currently have to be cancelled due to bad weather.

The raised stage will be beneficial for multiple events. TFD, TPD, Pima College Fire and Police programs, and regional agencies will be able to utilize the facility for graduations and ceremonies that hold up to 900 people. When large events occur the speakers will be on an elevated stage for full visibility. In addition, the City of Tucson is responsible for maintaining emergency plans for times when people are evacuated from their homes. The new Multi-Purpose Training Facility will have a facility that can be utilized as an emergency shelter for Tucson citizens and Southern Arizona.

The locker space is needed for the cadre of fire and police officers that are assigned to the area. When fire and police have their academies, the locker rooms fill up to a point where we have had recruits double up with another recruit. The new locker room in the Multi-Purpose Training Facility will move the training cadre to the new lockers and reconfigure our existing locker room to increase the number of lockers for our recruits.

Physical training is important to both fire and police. There are standards that fire must adhere to when completing our recruit candidate testing for physical ability. In order to comply with the standards the testing can only take place when the temperature is within limits and there is no precipitation. In the new Multi-Purpose Training Facility, TFD will be able to conduct testing at any time of the year. TPD conducts physical training that requires an area large enough to handle crowd dispersion techniques. Currently, the training must be divided into smaller sections because there is currently not adequate space to properly conduct the training. The new facility will provide the required area to allow TPD and other agencies to conduct the physical training at any time throughout the year.

Cost: $11,700,000 - Project includes soft costs, construction, site work, central plant, furniture, equipment, and a project contingency.

Bond Funding: $11,700,000

Other Funding:
Leveraging existing public investments:

- Utilizing the land and infrastructure at the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Center
- Agencies utilizing the facility pay a nominal fee to help cover operation costs, including the salary of a supervisor to oversee the facility use.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The project start date will be 2018 / 2019 and will continue until the funds are fully expended.

Project Management Jurisdiction: The City of Tucson will have project management jurisdiction of this project.

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs:
City of Tucson will cover operations and maintenance costs, which are estimated at $50,000 a year.

Regional Benefits: The new multipurpose training facility will be an added benefit to Tucson, Pima County, and Southern Arizona. Currently, Pima Community College utilizes the existing classroom space for both their fire and police curriculum. With the addition of this new facility and classrooms including the large area for physical training and public gatherings, the Regional Public Safety Training Academy: Multi-Purpose Training Facility will be able to host a variety of venues that agencies from around the county as well as outside our county participate in. A large multi-functional training facility is currently not readily available in Southern Arizona.

Having a regional facility where multiple agencies can train together will help to facilitate communication and team work amongst these agencies which will further develop Southern Arizona's disaster preparedness.

Supervisor District of Project Location: District 4