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SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY

October SEA Board Meeting

Information Communique

Below are the Board Action Requests approved at the SEA Board Meeting held Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 10:30 AM in the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

David L. Lawrence Convention Center

A. Authorization to enter into an agreement with Limbach, Inc. in a lump sum amount of $138,600 to install a protective epoxy coating and to perform eddy current testing on chillers #1 & #2.

Summary: The Chilled Water Plant (CWP) at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center (DLCC) provides chilled water for circulation throughout the building to support air conditioning in occupied spaces. Veolia North America operates the CWP at the DLCC. The CWP has 3 functioning chillers: two 1500-ton chillers and one 750-ton chiller. The 1500-ton chillers are original to the building and the last time that the eddy testing was done was 2018. The 750-ton was installed in 2015, and eddy testing and Belzona coating was done in 2018. It is recommended that eddy testing be done every three to five years. As part of the routine maintenance of the chillers, Trane and Veolia recommended performing eddy current testing through the condenser and evaporator tubes.

Eddy current testing is a non-destructive diagnostic test that will determine the condition of the tubes, identify cracks and/or corrosion levels, and provide information about whether the tubes are functioning at their peak efficiency or if remediation is required. To perform this test, it is necessary to remove the end bells (steel end covers) to access the tubes. Since the bells will be removed, we will also take this opportunity to install a protective epoxy coating on the chillers' internal components to extend their useful lives. Additionally, the tubes will be cleaned while the bells are open.

B. Authorization to enter into an agreement with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP in the amount of $57,046 for fire damper inspections at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

Summary: The David L. Lawrence Convention Center (DLCC) has a total of 937 life safety dampers within the smoke control system throughout the facility. This system is comprised of fire dampers that are installed in HVAC ducts where they pass through fire-rated walls, floors, or partitions that in case of a fire or rise in temperature, close to help prevent flames and hot gases from traveling throughout the ductwork. There are also smoke dampers designed to restrict movement of smoke that are directly tied into the buildings fire alarm system. Per Pittsburgh City

Code and the Fire Safe Building Inspection Program, these life safety dampers are to be inspected every four years. The inspection was last fully completed in 2022 and are due for reinspection in 2026. Johnson Controls will be working with CIC Mechanical Systems, LLC, as a subcontractor to complete the inspection and any identified repairs.

C. Ratification of a final change order to W.G. Tomko, Inc. in the amount of $5,007.66 for additional work in the heating system repairs at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

Summary: In May 2026, the board authorized an agreement with W.G. Tomko, Inc. for heating system repairs at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center (DLCC). During on-site work, the team discovered two leaks in the hot water loop in the pre-function space of Alcove A and Concourse B. It was identified that the supply and return dielectric unions at each location were corroded, leaking, and beyond repair. W.G. Tomko was mobilized, analyzed the problems, and recommended full replacement of the four dielectric unions.

D. Authorization to enter into a lump sum agreement with JD Iovito in the amount of $18,500 to re-pipe the carbon backwash system in the wastewater treatment plant.

Summary: The on-site wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) collects and treats all water from sanitary and potable uses and has a capacity of 50,000 gallons. The water is recycled for toilet flushing. The plant's treatment components include a sump tank, an aerobic digester, a carbon filter system, and an ultraviolet disinfection system. Veolia North America is the operator of the WWTP. Veolia advised re-piping to accommodate backwashing. Backwashing reverses the water flow at high velocity to expand the carbon bed, scrub off trapped debris, and flush collected solids to waste. These changes will restore hydraulic efficiency, extend carbon media lifespan, maintain recycled water quality, and help support sustainability goals.

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E. Amending Resolution #6184 to rescind the award of a SEG Program grant in the amount of $15,000 to Friends of Pittsburgh Professional Soccer for a youth amateur soccer tournament.

Summary: At the March 2026 SEA Board meeting, the Board approved Resolution #6184, authorizing a $15,000 grant to Friends of Pittsburgh Professional Soccer for a youth amateur soccer tournament as part of the Sports & Exhibition Authority's SEG Program. The event was initially scheduled to take place at various locations throughout Allegheny County, including Highmark Stadium and the AHN Montour Sports Complex.

In September 2026, the Authority received official notification from Friends of Pittsburgh Professional Soccer that the 2026 event would no longer be taking place.

ABOUT THE SEA

As a joint authority for the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, the SEA provides venues for sporting, entertainment, educational, cultural, civic, and social events to improve the quality of public life. The SEA owns and leases Acrisure Stadium, PNC Park, and PPG Paints Arena, and owns and operates the David L, Lawrence Convention Center. The SEA also owns parking lots and facilities, public parks, development parcels located in the Lower Hill District, and various associated infrastructure improvements. The SEA consists of a seven-member board, three of whom are appointed by the City and three by the County. The seventh member is appointed by the City and County jointly.

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