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BACKGROUND

Most airport and terminal operators in the United States maintain contracted security services to augment their in-house security staff. A defined program scope, performance standards, contracting language, and individualized procurement provisions are needed for successful procurement and implementation. However, it can be difficult to determine if the established requirements will have the desired impact or result in unintended consequences for the airport or service provider after a contract is in place. Guidance is needed to assist airports in establishing requirements and procurement strategies for contracted security services to support a successful program.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this research is to create comprehensive guidance to enable informed decision-making for procuring contract security services. At a minimum, the final deliverable should address:

- Developing program scope
- RFP content
- Selection strategies and criteria
- Oversight and compliance strategies
- Legal and regulatory considerations
- Relevant templates and sample language

The resulting guidance should be applicable to airports of all sizes.