

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 10, 2025

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee
TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Jesse Moreno (Vice Chair), Laura Cadena, Maxie Johnson,
Jaime Resendez, William Roth, Kathy Stewart

SUBJECT **Dallas Police Department Law Enforcement Training Center at the University of North Texas at Dallas Monthly Update – November 2025**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Public Safety Committee with a monthly status update including key developments regarding the planning, design, and future construction of the proposed Dallas Police Department Law Enforcement Training Center (LETC) at the University of North Texas (UNT).

Status Update:

- City Council authorized Supplemental Agreement No.2 on October 22, 2025, to HKS, Inc. to provide programming, architectural and engineering designs for the Criminal Justice Center and the Defensive Tactics Facility at the LETC. The Bond office has issued notice to proceed to HKS for this work.
- HKS Inc. has submitted 50% percent completion of schematic design (SD) to DPD and BCM for review comments, per their originally contracted scope of work for the Basic Training Building and the In-Service Training Building. The 100% SD package will include the Criminal Justice Center and the Defensive Tactics Facility at the LETC.
- The Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) contract is currently an open procurement. Bond and Construction Management anticipates bringing the contract to City Council for consideration in early 2026, following a two-step procurement process conducted in accordance with City of Dallas and State of Texas guidelines.

Budget: The program budget for programming, design, construction, construction management, furniture and fixtures and project oversight for the LETC at UNTD is \$185M as previously reported in the briefing to City Council.

Private Fundraising: To date, \$21.5 million in private funds have been raised/pledged towards the overall private fundraising goal of \$70 million. In addition, discussions are currently underway with three foundations regarding potential gifts, ranging from \$500k - \$5M; these gifts will be confirmed in early 2026. The goal is to have 50% of private fundraising committed by mid-2026.

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Outreach continues to more than 50 foundations and individual donors, with meetings actively underway to advance support for the project. The fundraising team is also facilitating tours of the current training facility at RedBird for potential donors to gain additional context for the LETC project and its impact.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Director of the Office of Bond and Construction Management, Jennifer Nicewander, P.E., at 972-841-9847 or jennifer.nicewander@dallas.gov.

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