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The price tag on the construction of Burleson's Fire Station #3 in southwest Burleson is \$2.217 million.

Thursday night, Burleson City Council members approved a contract amendment with Modern Contractors to accept the guaranteed maximum price of \$2,217,326 for the construction of the 10,000-square-foot station. Any charges that exceed the guaranteed maximum price become the sole responsibility of the construction manager. Any dollars that remain at the end of the construction go back to the City.

Fire Station #3 was adopted as a 4A half cent sales tax project in June of 2001. The station is being built on Lakewood Drive north of Hwy. 174 in the Willow-Crossing subdivision.

Since 2001, the Burleson Fire Department has added firefighters to increase staffing at Fire Station #1 and Fire Station #2 and to provide nine firefighters to staff Fire Station #3. The third station's career firefighters will provide fire protection and emergency response 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to the southwest part of Burleson. Response times, including to two elementary schools in the southwest part of the city, will be greatly reduced.

The station is expected to be completed in the late summer of 2009.

Funds for the project are available in 4A funds.

For more information about this release, call the public information office at 817-447-5400, ext. 286.