

CITY OF AUSTIN



ADA Self-Assessment & System-Wide Transition Plan **Contract Recommendation** *Parks and Recreation Board*

May 26, 2015



Purpose & Overview of Presentation

- Presentation Purpose – Staff requests Board Action to recommend to City Council the award, negotiation, and execution of a contract to Altura Solutions, L.P. for an ADA Self-Assessment and System-Wide Transition Plan for the Department.
- Overview of Presentation:
 - Need for Plan
 - Request for Proposal Process
 - Vendor Deliverables
 - PARD Responsibilities
 - Vendor and Agreement
 - Requested Board Action
 - Next Steps & Contact Information

Need for Plan

- As a Title II public agency*, the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) is required by federal and state laws to provide facilities and services that are accessible to park patrons.
- ADA law requires that public agencies conduct a Self-Assessment to quantify accessibility shortcomings, and then prepare a long-term implementation program, the Transition Plan.
- PARD's existing Transition Plan is 15 years old and was part of a comprehensive City of Austin (COA) initiative.

*Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Process

- PARD accepted proposals from February 16 through March 19, 2015.
- Four proposals were accepted and they all met the minimum qualifications.
- PARD has completed a thorough evaluation and has identified a qualified vendor, who has demonstrated the capacity to provide the deliverables outlined in the scope within the project budget.



Vendor Deliverables

- The vendor agrees to provide:
 - A Community engagement process with a minimum of three public forums
 - Monthly progress reports with photo documentation, cost reference, and inventory priorities
 - Orientation sessions of ADA Self-Assessment for appropriate PARD division and district staff
 - Final Transition Plan with inventory assessment data, methods, and timeframes for addressing access and inventory priorities
 - Presentations of final plans to PARD Executive and Leadership Team and to City Council



Vendor Deliverables (Continued)

The vendor agrees to:

- Work with Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities and the City's Human Resources Dept ADA Office to coordinate PARD's compliance with Title II provisions that require involvement of people with disabilities in the evaluation of Park properties
- Use the most recently issued final federal enforceable regulations or in the alternative, the most recent final reports of the U.S. Access Board committees and the Texas Accessibility Standards
- Conduct a review of PARD policies concerning ADA compliance
- Develop, along with PARD staff, protocol to respond to issues of noncompliance



PARD Responsibilities

PARD Staff will:

- Review and provide feedback on the monthly Progress Reports and drafts of plans
- Create and maintain a public webpage on the Self-Assessment and System-Wide Plan for public viewing and comment
- Provide the Global Information System (GIS) format for photo and video



Vendor and Agreement

- PARD has completed a thorough evaluation and has identified Altura Solutions, L.P. as the recommended vendor.
- Term: The Self-Assessment and System-wide Plan should be completed within 7-9 months after the award of the contract.
- Upon approval of City Council to authorize the award, negotiation, and execution of a contract, PARD will seek to negotiate a contract not to exceed \$240,300.



Requested Board Action

Recommendation:

PARD staff requests that the Parks and Recreation Board make a recommendation to the City Council to authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement with Altura Solutions, L.P. for an ADA Self-Assessment and System-Wide Transition Plan for the Department.



Next Steps and Contact Information

Schedule:

City Council June 4, 2015 *tentative*

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