Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 7, 2017 Item Number: 046

Purchasing Office

Authorize award and execution of a contract with Austin Traffic Signal Construction Co. Inc., to provide pedestrian countdown timers and installation services, for a term of 18 months, in an amount not to exceed \$676,800. (Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.).

Lead Department	Purchasing Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.
Purchasing Language	The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) ELL0036 for these goods and services. The solicitation was issued on August 7, 2017 and it closed on August 31, 2017. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: Solicitation Documents

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Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for the purchase and installation of pedestrian countdown timers. Countdown timers inform pedestrians walking through an intersection how much time they have remaining to cross the street. The Federal Highway Administration's standard is to install pedestrian countdown timers for any signalized pedestrian crossing which takes an average walker over seven seconds to cross, which equates to a street approximately 25 feet in width. Timers will be installed at approximately 4,800 crosswalks throughout the City.

The contract will be funded through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant administered through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and approved by Council under Ordinance No. 20170126-034. In addition to this contract being awarded, the grant will also fund the installation of pedestrian hybrid beacons at five locations and provide for the installation of accessible pedestrian signals at 27 intersections.

To meet the requirements of this funding, bids were required to be opened in Fiscal Year 2016-2017. If a contract is not awarded from the received bids, this grant funding will be forfeited. The contract will be awarded in compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program).