



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 19-3300, **Agenda Item #:** 35.

11/14/2019

### **Posting Language**

Authorize award of a multi-term contract with Neenah Foundry Company, to provide detectable warning plates, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$740,000.

(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 required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities, therefore no subcontracting goals were established).

### **Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

### **Client Department(s)**

Public Works.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$123,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 of the Operating Budget of Public Works. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 6200 BJT1004 for these goods. The solicitation issued on July 22, 2019 and it closed on August 13, 2019. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the sole 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](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=130391)  
<[https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=130391](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=130391)>.

### **Prior Council Action:**

### **For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov) <<mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov>>

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Bartley Tyler, at 512-974-2023 or [bartley.tyler@austintexas.gov](mailto:bartley.tyler@austintexas.gov) <<mailto:bartley.tyler@austintexas.gov>>.

### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

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**Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide a supply of detectable warning plates for the Public Works Street and Bridge Division. Detectable warning plates were first required in 1973 in response to the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act and then the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990. Detectable warning plates are a standardized surface feature built in or applied to walking surfaces or elements to warn of hazards on a circulation path (ADA standards for Accessible Design 106.5, 2010).

Detectable warning plates are unique and standardized, intended to function like a stop sign to alert pedestrians who are visually impaired to the presence of a hazard in the line of travel. The plates consist of small truncated warning surfaces on hazardous vehicle ways, transit platform edges, and curb ramps. The cast iron detectable warning plates are permanently set into concrete during the construction of ADA ramps throughout the City.

This contract will replace a contract which expired on July 21, 2019. The requested authorization amounts for the contract were determined using departmental estimates and historical spending. The recommended contractor is the current provider for these goods.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$296,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$148,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$148,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$148,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 yrs.</b>	<b>\$740,000</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.