



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 20-2165, **Agenda Item #:** 42.

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Health Management Associates, Inc., to complete a quality of life study, for a term of 15 months in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

(Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### **Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

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

Management Services.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of Management Services.

### **Purchasing Language:**

The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 4400 JSB3005 for these services. The solicitation issued on January 6, 2020 and it closed on February 6, 2020. Of the three offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best evaluated responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers 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=133616)  
<[https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=133616](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=133616)>.

### **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: John Besser, at 512-974-2261 or [John.Besser@austintexas.gov](mailto:John.Besser@austintexas.gov) <<mailto:John.Besser@austintexas.gov>>.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide for a Quality of Life Study for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual (LGBTQIA+) community in Austin. Among many benefits, this study will allow the City and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Quality of Life Advisory Commission to better understand the community's strengths and diversity, as well as more effectively advocate for its needs. Additionally, it will serve as a historical snapshot of the LGBTQ community in Austin, a population with no

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official historical documentation among city archives to date. This study will also contribute to a new precedent for more inclusive city survey and data collection efforts that can be systematically institutionalized across additional city, state, and nation data collection efforts.

On March 13, 2017, Ordinance No. 20170302-007 took effect establishing the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission. This Commission passed a request for the Council to fund a quality of life study to quantify and better understand the needs of the Austin LGBTQIA+ population. The Commission has defined this project as a Power Analysis rather than a needs assessment. Through a Power Analysis, the goal is to identify and analyze the institutional systems external to the community that create the internal realities that many people experience daily.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Health Management Associates, Inc. as the best to provide these services based on experience, deliverables, work program, and schedule, executive summary and business organization, price, local preference and service-disabled veteran business enterprise.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

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