



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-3079, **Agenda Item #:** 52.

9/17/2020

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Public Consulting Group Inc., to provide a Disability Quality of Life Study, for a term of 15 months in an amount not to exceed \$199,670.

(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 ALD3023 for this service. The solicitation issued on June 1, 2020 and it closed on July 9, 2020. Of the two 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=134248](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134248).

### **For More Information:**

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NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Al Drayton, at 512-974-2298 or [alfonso.drayton@austintexas.gov](mailto:alfonso.drayton@austintexas.gov)

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will initiate the process to conduct a quality of life study for the disabled community in Austin. Among many benefits, this study will allow the City and the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities to better understand the community's strengths and diversity, as well as more effectively advocate for its needs. This study will also contribute to a new precedent for more-inclusive city survey and data collection efforts that can be systematically implemented across additional city, state, and national data collection efforts.

The Committee serves as an advisory body to the City Council and City Manager regarding problems affecting persons with disabilities in Austin. In May 2019, the Committee submitted a request for the City Council to allot

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a budget to conduct a quality of life study for Austinites with disabilities. The request was made after a series of testimonies from the disabled community that described consistent problems with housing affordability, health disparities, safe accessibility of infrastructure, lack of employment opportunities, exclusion of public resources/services, systemic discrimination and law enforcements/public officials lack of knowledge and understanding on how to interact, engage and communicate with Austinites with disabilities.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Public Consulting Group Inc. as the best to provide these services based on experience; deliverables, work program and schedule; executive summary and business organization; price; local business presence; and Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Government that Works for All; Health and Environment.