



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3010, **Agenda Item #:** 5.

10/1/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a Competitive Sealed Proposal Agreement with SpawGlass Contractors, Inc. for construction services for the new Greater Austin Area Telecommunications Network Agency Network Operations Control Center project in an amount not to exceed \$1,672,000.

(Note: This procurement will be exempt from the City's MBE/WBE Program requirements as a public health and safety purchase.)

Lead Department

Capital Contracting Office

Managing Department

Public Works Department

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Budget of the Communications and Technology Management Department.

Purchasing Language:

Best Value to the City of Austin of one proposal evaluated.

Prior Council Action:

July 29, 2020 - City Council authorized use of the Competitive Sealed Proposal Delivery Method.

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>>

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749, Garrett Cox, 512-974-9423, or the Project Manager, Alison von Stein, 512-974-7217.

Additional Backup Information:

The Greater Austin Area Telecommunications Network Agency (GAATN), is an interlocal contract administrative agency organized under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code. GAATN was formed by the execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin, Independent School District, Travis County, Austin Community College, Lower Colorado River Authority, the University of Texas, and the State of Texas Department of Information Resources.

GAATN operates a fiber optic telecommunications network in the Austin area (the "Network") for the use of its Participants. GAATN requires the construction of a secondary Network Operation Control Center ("NOCC") to provide voice and data service, and resilient uptime to the Network in case of an outage at the GAATN primary operation center.

Construction of the NOCC serves the interest of the citizens of the City of Austin by providing assurance of high availability of network services used throughout the City's network infrastructure, including, but not limited to, emergency responsive services such as the Austin Police Department, the Austin Fire Department, and Austin-Travis County EMS.

The project scope includes remodeling existing space in the Austin Convention Center; installing IT equipment and associated mechanical, electrical and plumbing work; and installing back-up power. The previous GAATN operations control center, located at the Austin Independent School District's (AISD) Treaty Oak property, was decommissioned following the sale of the property by AISD. A replacement GAATN operations control center is needed to ensure continued reliable functioning of the network to provide communications for the GAATN participants. The GAATN operations control center supports multiple public agencies including public safety, police, and emergency response functions. The GAATN Board declared the construction of the new GAATN Network Operations Control Center as an emergency situation requiring the utmost expediency.

In accordance with Chapter 252 of the Texas Local Government Code, a procurement exemption has been authorized to preserve or protect the public health or safety of residents.

Due to this exemption, an informal solicitation process was conducted, and proposals were requested from five contractors. Only one proposal was received and evaluated.

The contract allows 180 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78701 (District 9).

SpawGlass Contractors, Inc. is located in Austin, TX.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment; Safety