



October 15, 2020

Questions and Answers Report



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The City Council Questions and Answers Report was derived from a need to provide City Council Members an opportunity to solicit clarifying information from City Departments as it relates to requests for council action. After a City Council Regular Meeting agenda has been published, Council Members will have the opportunity to ask questions of departments via the City Manager's Agenda Office. This process continues until 5:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the Council meeting. The final report is distributed at noon to City Council the Wednesday before the council meeting.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Item #6: Authorize negotiation and execution of a creative content incentive program agreement with Eye Productions Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$141,326.

COUNCIL MEMBERS FLANNIGAN AND ALTER'S OFFICES

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COUNCIL MEMBER TOVO'S OFFICE

1. *Can staff clarify that the available equipment and resources will be prioritized for the highest-need students?*

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We have not worked with Del Valle ISD on this initiative, but we will reach out to them to identify student needs.

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(Note: This procurement 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 procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

MAYOR PRO TEM GARZA'S OFFICE

Can you provide more information about the history of the contracts to be authorized in Item 38 and/or previous similar contracts?

Information for the previous contract is as follows:

- Initial contract was approved by Council on August 3, 2017 in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 for a term of 32 months (Item No. 40)
- Council approved an increase in the amount of \$1,030,000 on September 9, 2019 (Item No. 52)
 - The initial estimated contract amount of \$1,200,000 for the 32-month contract term was underestimated. The increase was necessary in order for APD to continue to purchase ammunition for the remaining contract term. APD risks becoming non-compliant with Texas Commission on Law Enforcement rules if inventory is not adequate for annual qualifications. APD monitors its ammunition inventory to ensure adequate availability for line of duty officers use on patrol, to conduct firearms training for cadet classes, and mandatory annual officer qualifications.
- Contract expired 3/31/2020.

Item #43: Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Muniz Concrete & Contracting, Inc. (MBE) for the Transportation Safety and Mobility Improvements IDIQ (Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity) contract in the amount of \$2,500,000 for an initial two-year term, with a one-year extension option of \$500,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,000,000. [Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 10.30% MBE and 1.33% WBE participation.].

COUNCIL MEMBER ELLIS' OFFICE

The RFA states, "This project will be located citywide in all Districts.." If the contract is approved, what are the anticipated projects?

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Typically, on IDIQ solicitations the project locations are not specifically known, however the need for the solicited scope of work is known.

The Austin Transportation Department has a preliminary list of projects that have been scoped and are anticipated to be constructed should this contract be approved. Given the nature of an IDIQ contract and the flexibility that it provides, it is expected that there will be additions to this contract and possible changes to the preliminary list provided below.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ALTER'S OFFICE

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Item #6

Meeting Date

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QUESTION/ANSWER: Council Members Flannigan and Alter's Offices

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