



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 22-1390, **Agenda Item #:** 18.

3/24/2022

### **Posting Language**

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Unity Contractor Services, Inc. (MBE) for the 2020 Bond Local Mobility Project Construction Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract in the amount of \$6,000,000 for an initial one-year term, with four one-year extension options of \$6,000,000 each, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$30,000,000.

[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 98.24% MBE and 1.76% WBE participation.]

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department

### **Managing Department**

Austin Transportation Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding for the initial amount of \$6,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Lowest responsive bid of four bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bids solicitation.

### **For More Information:**

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, Manuel Gallegos, 512-974-6575.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

As part of the Local Mobility Program, 2020 Safety and Active Transportation Bond, Austin Transportation Department requests authorization to enter into a construction contract to implement critical multimodal safety and mobility improvements at multiple locations citywide. This construction contract will serve multiple programs such as Vision Zero/Safety, Speed Management, Transit Enhancement, Safe Routes to School, and Signals. These projects were identified and developed based on safety, operations, and connectivity for all modes of transportation.

Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contracts provide for an indefinite quantity of services for a fixed time, usually an initial term with extension options. They are commonly used when precise quantities of supplies or services, above a specified minimum, cannot be determined. Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contracts help streamline the contract process and service delivery and allow the City the flexibility to add work as needs arise or change. As each project is defined, a specific work assignment will be assigned to the contractor who will complete the scope of work for the unit prices included in the contract. Work deadlines will be established

for each work assignment.

The project generally consists of providing the following services, including but not limited to construction of specific types of small-scale pedestrian crossing projects, concrete medians, asphalt speed cushions, markings, signage, bus stops, associated concrete sidewalk, pedestrian ramps, and miscellaneous concrete work such as pedestrian signal foundations to support crossings. The project aims to improve safety and mobility for roadway users.

The base bid was used to identify and determine the lowest responsive bidder and to determine contract unit prices for each bid item.

This request allows for the award and execution of a construction contract with Unity Contractor Services, Inc., for an estimated period of one-year, with four, one-year extension options. However, if funds for the initial term are expended, staff may accelerate the extension options, but in no event will exceed the total contract amount. The extension options are subject to the agreement of both parties.

These projects provide safety and mobility improvements at various locations within the city limits. A delay in issuing this contract may impact the delivery of several projects, including critical safety, pedestrian safety, speed management, transit access, and signal safety improvements as part of the 2020 Safety and Active Transportation Bond.

This project will be located Citywide in all districts.

Unity Contractor Services, Inc. (MBE/MB) is located in Austin, TX.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Mobility, Safety.