



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1754, **Agenda Item #:** 17.

4/21/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Ethics Resource Center, Inc. to provide ethics program auditing and consultation services, in an amount not to exceed \$83,600.

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

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Office of the City Auditor.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of the Office of the City Auditor.

Purchasing Language:

Professional Service.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide the Office of the City Auditor (OCA) with an independent third-party consultant to complete the City Ethics Program audit, which is included on OCA's calendar year 2022 Audit Plan. The OCA is required to submit an audit plan each year, listing the projects they intend to conduct. The purpose of this project is to determine if the City's ethics program is working effectively to promote and ensure high standards and service to the community. The OCA works to improve Austin city government to make it transparent and accountable.

The contractor is an independent, nonprofit organization. The contractor conducted the last major review of ethics in the City in 2010, which gives them specific knowledge of the City of Austin's Ethics Program.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.