



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-1744, Agenda Item #: 11.**

5/5/2022

### Posting Language

Authorize award of a contract with EAR Telecommunications, LLC (M/DBE) to provide traffic signal preventive maintenance, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$5,712,500.

(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

Financial Services Department.

### Client Department(s)

Austin Transportation Department.

### Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$380,834 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2400 BJT1026 for these services. The solicitation was issued on August 30, 2021, and it closed on September 28, 2021. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#)

[https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=135465](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=135465).

### For More Information:

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Bartley Tyler, at 512-974-2023 or [Bartley.Tyler@austintexas.gov](mailto:Bartley.Tyler@austintexas.gov)  
<<mailto:Bartley.Tyler@austintexas.gov>>.

### Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) the ability to perform preventive maintenance at all the traffic signals within the City. Currently, staff limitation allows the City to only perform preventive maintenance every other year at City-owned traffic signals. Increasing the frequency of preventive maintenance will allow the ATD to identify and correct potential issues before they become problematic. This will reduce the number of trouble calls and instances of traffic signals going into flash.

This is a new contract. The requested authorization amount for this contract was determined using

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departmental estimates to perform preventive maintenance at all traffic signals.

If a contract is not secured, the City will continue to utilize staff to perform preventive maintenance at less frequent intervals.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Mobility.