



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2141, **Agenda Item #:** 29.

6/16/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of two contracts with Spartan Medical, Inc. and Wellness And Equity Alliance Holdings, PLLC for operation of COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites, each for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 divided between the contractors.

(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 Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding for the contract term will be identified as needed in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Public Health and is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 9100 JRH3016 for these services. The solicitation was issued on January 31, 2022, and it closed on March 3, 2022. Of the 16 offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the best evaluated responsive offers. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online: [Solicitation Documents](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=136260)
<https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=136260>.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

These contracts are needed to meet the demand of future COVID-19 surges. During the height of COVID-19 operations, City staff alone was insufficient to meet the City's COVID-19 testing and vaccination needs. With these contracts, Austin Public Health (APH) is focusing on mobile operations, which are adaptive and flexible in nature, and can be activated as needed. These mass testing and mass vaccination contracts will allow the City to meet the community's needs while allowing APH to focus on the most vulnerable and at-risk.

The testing sites contract replaces multiple emergency contracts. The recommended contractor for testing

sites operation, Spartan Medical, Inc., was a provider for one of these emergency contracts. The vaccination sites contract is a new contract. The recommended contractor for the vaccination sites operation is Wellness And Equity Alliance Holdings, PLLC. The resulting contracts will operate on a contingency basis and will only be activated based upon community need should a substantial increase in cases occur, and at the discretion of the City and APH.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Spartan Medical, Inc. and Wellness And Equity Alliance Holdings, PLLC as the best to provide these services based on pricing, service-disabled veteran business enterprise, system concept and strategy, and qualifications and experience.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.