

City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2711, Agenda Item #: 42.

9/1/2022

Posting Language

Authorize award of a contract with Aus-Tex Towing & Recovery, LLC for towing and related services for City vehicles and equipment, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$4,266,000.

(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)

Aviation, Fleet Mobility Services.

Fiscal Note:

Funding in the amount of \$1,250 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Aviation. Funding in the amount of \$69,850 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Fleet Mobility Services. 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) 7800 MMO1026 for these services. The solicitation was issued on April 18, 2022 and closed on May 10, 2022. 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=136594.

For More Information:

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Persons: Marian Moore, at 512-974-2062 or Marian.Moore@austintexas.gov or Jo Gutierrez, at 512-974-2827 or Jo.Gutierrez@austintexas.gov mailto:Jo.Gutierrez@austintexas.gov.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide towing services for City vehicles and equipment. The towing services will be provided for various types of vehicles and equipment including sedans, police cars and motorcycles, fire trucks, ambulances, dump trucks, garbage trucks, light, medium and heavy-duty trucks, and truck-mounted aerial devices.

The contractor will be available 24-hours per day, 365 days per year. The contractor will tow the disabled

vehicles and equipment to a City Service Center or, if requested, to a specialized repair facility.

The contract will replace a contract which expires on September 15, 2022. The requested authorization amount for this contract was determined using departmental estimates, historical spend, and anticipated price increases over the term of the contract. The recommended contractor is the current provider for these services.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, departments will not have reliable and continuous towing services for City vehicles and equipment. In addition, the City will be forced to procure these services on an as needed basis, which may result in higher prices and operational costs.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility.