



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-3158, Agenda Item #: 72.**

10/13/2022

### **Posting Language**

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Veliz Company, LLC d/b/a Veliz Construction for the Palmer Events Center Plumbing and Restroom Upgrade - Rebid project in the amount of \$3,521,891 plus a \$352,190 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,874,081.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 33.39% MBE and 9.36% WBE participation.]

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department

### **Managing Department**

Public Works Department

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Austin Convention Center Department.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Lowest responsive bid of six bids received through a competitive Invitations 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, Heidi Tse, 512-974-7172.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Palmer Events Center (PEC) opened June 2002. In July 2019, the PEC was certified Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver for existing building operations and maintenance. To maintain and continue to improve on the LEED, the PEC needs updates and upgrades to its plumbing and lighting fixtures to meet higher efficiency standards. Additionally, the layouts of the restrooms require a new configuration in order to comply with current Texas Accessibility Standards and with the Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines (TAS/ADA).

The work consists of interior renovations of the existing public restrooms on both levels of the PEC. Renovations also include adding interior millwork counters and storage. Interior finishes and plumbing fixtures will be upgraded. Other areas such as dressing rooms and showers will also be included. Old ceilings will be replaced with new ceiling tile and lighting. The work will also address a repair to a sanitary sewer line at the north corner of the event center.

Due to the potential for unforeseen conditions as this is a renovation to an existing facility and other unknown conditions associated with repairing the sanitary sewer line, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. A contingency is an additional amount of money

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added to the construction budget to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project. By authorizing the additional contingency funding, Council is authorizing any change orders within the contingency amount.

There will be little to no public impact on this project. It is planned with phased construction and therefore, only specific sets of restrooms will be closed temporarily at a time to the public allowing for alternative restroom options in the area.

If this contract is delayed, the Palmer Events Center will not meet ADA/TAS guidelines, the needed updates to the public restrooms and the on-going issues with the sanitary sewer line will continue and it will be difficult to maintain the current LEED Silver Certification in Existing Building Operation and Maintenance.

The contract allows 420 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78704 (District 9).

Veliz Company, LLC d/b/a Veliz Construction, is located in Austin, Texas.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability