



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1304, **Agenda Item #:** 11.

3/23/2023

Posting Language

Ratify three construction contracts for the Pecan Gardens and Northbridge Shelters emergency repairs with Belfor USA Group, Inc., in a total amount not to exceed \$510,312.

[Note: These contracts were awarded in compliance with (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) pursuant to MBE/WBE Program Rule Subsection 1.2.1(I), these procurements are exempt from the Owner's MBE/WBE Program requirements as public health and safety purchases as provided in the MBE/WBE Program Rules].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$78,628 was available in the Capital Improvement Program budget, and remaining funding was available in the Capital Budget of Austin Public Health.

Purchasing Language:

These are emergency contracts that did not go through the City's competitive solicitation process.

For More Information:

Direct inquiries to Shawn Willett, 512-974-2021, or the Project Manager, Vella Karman, 512-972-5064.

Additional Backup Information:

The requested action is for Council to ratify three contracts with Belfor USA Group, Inc. which have been procured under authority of Section 252.022(a)(2) of the Texas Local Government Code as procurements necessary to protect or preserve the public health and safety of the citizens of Austin.

On December 1, 2021, and again on February 15, 2022, the fire suppression system was activated and on November 12, 2022, a pipe broke in the ceiling of the third floor at the City property located at 7400 N. IH-35 (District 4), causing extensive water damage to multiple rooms and floors in the building. Immediate services for extraction of water and removal of damaged building materials received emergency approval on the day of each event. Following the removal of water saturated carpets, drywall, ceiling tiles, and other materials, the contractor used air mover/carpet blowers, dehumidifiers, air filtration units, and moisture meters to ensure the building was restored to normal moisture levels for safe and healthy operations. Additional building restoration services were required to rebuild walls, ceilings, and flooring in order to restore all rooms at the property for ongoing use as a bridge shelter for persons experiencing homelessness.

On May 9, 2022, Staff identified destruction of City property due to vandalism at 10811 Pecan Park Blvd #2 (District 6). Pipes on the ground floor were cut and/or broken, leading to extensive water damage in multiple

rooms and hallways. Emergency services were required for water extraction, demolition, and debris removal. Following the removal of water saturated carpets, drywall, and other materials, the contractor used air mover/carpet blowers, dehumidifiers, air filtration units, and moisture meters to ensure the building was restored to normal moisture levels for safe and healthy operations.

Immediate delivery of services was required to perform water extraction, debris removal, and actions necessary to prevent further property damage such as compromised building structures and hazardous mold conditions. Belfor USA Group, Inc. was engaged due to satisfactory completion of previous projects for the City and their ability to perform the specific required services. The contractor was able to respond immediately to deliver the services requested.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability, Health and Environment.