



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1345, **Agenda Item #:** 16.

3/23/2023

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract for reinforcing steel with Triple S Steel Holdings d/b/a Alamo Ironworks, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.

[Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

All City Departments.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$466,667 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of various City departments. 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) 6200 AMA1080REBID for these goods. The solicitation was issued on October 31, 2022, and closed on December 6, 2022. Of the three offers received, the recommended contractor is 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=138015.

For More Information:

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Persons: Ajani Aird, at 512-974-2965 or ajani.aird@austintexas.gov or Bridney Stewart, at 512-974-3127 or Bridney.stewart@austintexas.gov.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide the City with various sizes, lengths, and gauges of reinforcing steel, rebar, and wire mesh for use in the construction of reinforced concrete and masonry structures on an as-needed basis. By itself, concrete is a material that is very strong in compression, but relatively weak in tension. To compensate for this imbalance in concrete's behavior, rebar and wire mesh is cast into it in order to carry tensile loads. This combination allows for concrete to be made into almost any shape and size that is primarily used for new construction and repairs of sidewalks, street pavements, driveway approaches, curbs, gutters, and retaining walls.

The City anticipates a large increase in the reinforcing steel needed due to work order backlogs, an increase in staff and equipment due to the number of projects to be completed in upcoming years, and an increase in revenue repairs from City departments.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, the City will be forced to make spot purchases on an as-needed basis which will result in higher costs and delay construction and repairs.

The current contract expires March 23, 2023. The recommended contractor is the current provider for these goods.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$ 800,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 800,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 800,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 800,000
Optional Extension 4	1 yr.	\$ 800,000
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$4,000,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.