



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 23-1724, Agenda Item #: 9.**

**5/4/2023**

### **Posting Language**

Authorize an amendment to the contract for construction services for the Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services/Austin Fire Department facility renovations project with SpawGlass Contractors Inc., to increase the amount by \$15,000,000 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$37,400,000. Related to Items #2 and 3.

[Note: This contract was awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Woman Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current participation is 0.00% MBE and 0.56% WBE.].

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Managing Department**

Public Works Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Capital Budgets of Emergency Medical Services and the Austin Fire Department.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Contract Amendment.

### **Prior Council Action:**

August 22, 2019 - Council authorized use of Construction Manager-at-Risk alternative delivery procurement method, item 14, on an 11-0 vote.

June 4, 2020 - Council approved initial contract, item 2, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Harper-Madison off the dais.

### **For More Information:**

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: [FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov)  
<<mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov>> or at 512-974-2500.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The five stations listed below that house the Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the Austin Fire Department (AFD) were built in the 1970s and 1980s. The stations were designed for fewer staff, smaller emergency vehicles, and gender-specific living quarters. This design has caused inefficiencies and safety concerns in the living quarters and apparatus bays. The subject stations, along with their corresponding locations, are listed below.

EMS 1 Station

3616 South First Street, 78704

Council District 3

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EMS 5 Station	5710 North Lamar Boulevard, 78752	Council District 7
EMS Station 7/Fire Station 8	8989 Research Boulevard, 78758	Council District 7
EMS Station 10/Fire Station 25	5228 Duval Road, 78759	Council District 6
EMS Station 13/Fire Station 23	1330 East Rundberg Lane, 78753	Council District 4

Funding for the EMS/AFD stations renovations is provided for by the 2018 Bond for Public Safety (Proposition F).

The initial contract with SpawGlass Contractors, Inc. included preconstruction services, one temporary EMS/Fire station and infrastructure, demolition, and renovations of all five stations.

Due to the unanticipated cost of five additional temporary stations, asbestos/mold abatement of three stations, and termite-induced structural framing repairs, only three of the five stations can be renovated with the remaining contract authority. This amendment authorization will provide the additional funds necessary to fully renovate all five stations, aligning the stations to current AFD/EMS design program standards. Program standard modifications will include renovations and additions for gender-neutral living quarters, more efficient and functional apparatus bays, updated emergency alerting systems, back-up emergency power, and additional upgrades to the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems. These improvements will allow the stations to meet modern building codes and standards as set by the National Fire Protection Association and International Code Council.

This amendment was approved by the City's Change Control Committee. The Change Control Committee was established to comply with Council Resolution No. 20120126-048, which required the establishment of consistent criteria and process to evaluate contractual changes for all contracts administered by the Financial Services Department-Capital Contracting. The Change Control Committee is comprised of management-level subject matter experts.

This project is located within zip codes 78704, 78752, 78753, 78758, and 78759 (Districts 3, 4, 6, and 7).