



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1762, **Agenda Item #:** 14.

5/18/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for building automation system maintenance and repair services with Siemens Industry, Inc. d/b/a Russelectric, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$3,340,000.

[Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

All City Departments.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$331,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of the Austin Convention Center Department. Funding in the amount of \$54,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of the Building Services Department. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide Siemens building automation system (BAS) maintenance and repair services to include preventative maintenance, technical support, and repair services for the Austin Convention Center Department (ACCD) and the Forensic Science Department laboratory. The BAS is a direct digital control system that includes a distributed computer system with software and firmware written specifically for ACCD. It is used to monitor and adjust ACCD's heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to minimize the overall energy consumption of the facility. In addition, a BAS controls the entire HVAC system at the Forensic Science Department facility, including the fume hood and biohood exhaust system, bullet recovery exhaust system, and the ballistics shooting range.

Siemens is the sole provider for this BAS. Siemens uses proprietary parts and materials and does not sell or distribute the software or firmware to other contractors. In addition, Siemens does not certify or license other contractors to perform preventative maintenance, technical support, or repair services on their BAS.

ACCD and Forensic Science Department require a fully operational facility. If the Siemens BAS are not operating properly, services to staff, clients, and guests could be negatively interrupted.