



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1775, **Agenda Item #:** 20.

5/18/2023

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract for the Electrification Infrastructure Phase 4 project with Weston Solutions, Inc., for up to three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

[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 4.70% MBE and 0.00% WBE participation].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Transportation and Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 is available in the Capital Budget of Fleet Mobility Services.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 6100 CLMC943 for these goods and services. The solicitation was issued on January 2, 2023, and closed on February 16, 2023. Of the eight offers received, the recommended contractor submitted 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=137410)
<https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=137410>.

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. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

Additional Backup Information:

The City's goal is to become carbon neutral by 2050 and as part of Resolution No. 20160505-025 is on track to add 330 plug-in electric vehicles to its fleet, meeting a goal set by Council to convert nearly five percent of the City's 6,700 fleet to electric vehicles. To date, 290 electric vehicles have been infused into the City's fleet with 76 additional electric vehicles currently on order.

To support this initiative, Austin Energy, Public Works, and Fleet Mobility Services are facilitating the construction of charging infrastructure for Fleet's electric vehicles at various municipal buildings, parking lots, and parking garages as part of the City's electric transportation strategies.

Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contracts provide for an indefinite quantity of services for a fixed time,

usually an initial term with extension options. They are commonly used when precise quantities of supplies or services, above a specified minimum, cannot be determined. Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contracts help streamline the contract process and service delivery and allow the City the flexibility to add work as needs arise or change. As each project is defined, a specific work assignment will be assigned to the contractor who will complete the scope of work for the unit prices included in the contract. Work deadlines will be established for each work assignment.

In support of Resolution No. 20210930-99, the Transportation Electrification under the Austin Climate Equity Plan, this project will construct charging stations at locations selected and funded by Fleet Mobility Services. These charging stations will allow electric vehicles to fulfill City service duties without the worry of battery range during the day. The electric vehicles will be charged at City facilities that utilize renewable energy through Austin Energy's Green Choice Program. This reduces costs and fossil fuel usage which in turn reduces air pollutants and CO2 emissions. This is a major step forward towards the de-carbonization of the City's fleet.

A delay in awarding this contract will delay the required electric vehicle charging infrastructure essential to advancing transportation goals to reach net-zero community-wide greenhouse gas emission goals by 2050.

This project will be located citywide in various Districts.