



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1774, **Agenda Item #:** 21.

6/1/2023

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract for the Pedestrian Safety and Transit Connections project with EAR Telecommunications, LLC, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,021,933.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program) and City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 100% DBE participation].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Transportation and Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department and the Public Works Department.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 6100 CLMC810A for these goods and services. The solicitation was issued on January 9, 2023, and closed on February 9, 2023. Of the four 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=136469)
<https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=136469>.

Prior Council Action:

December 14, 2017 - Resolution No. 20171214-056 authorized the submittal of a list of potential transportation projects for the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) 2019-2022 Call for Projects. Approved on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Troxclair off the dais.

June 19, 2019 - Ordinance No. 20190619-076 authorizing negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with TxDOT for design and construction of pedestrian hybrid beacons was approved on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Harper-Madison absent.

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>> 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 Austin Transportation Department (ATD) submitted a list of 20 candidate locations for pedestrian hybrid beacons (PHBs) in the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) application 2019-2022 Call for Projects. Of the 20 locations submitted, six were chosen for PHBs. ATD studied each location for feasibility and prioritization based on expected benefits for improving pedestrian safety and access to transit.

This action is to execute a contract for construction activities to install PHBs at the following six locations within the City:

St. Johns Avenue at Blessing Avenue
Loyola Lane at Sandshof Drive
Rundberg Lane at Slayton Drive
8700 Block of Burnet Road (South of US Highway 183)
Red River Street at 40th Street
5010 South Congress Avenue

The timeline of events for this design and bid includes the following:

June 27, 2019 - Executed Advance Funding Agreement for a Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program project. between the State of Texas, acting through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and the City.

February 23, 2021 - Submitted 100% construction plan set to TxDOT

July 1, 2022 - Received [Disadvantaged Business Enterprise \(DBE\) Program goals from TxDOT](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.transportation.gov%2Fcivil-rights%2Fdisadvantaged-business-enterprise&data=05%7C01%7CGilda.Powers%40austintexas.gov%7C87823daca56410e1f9108db2f8e07c6%7C5c5e19f6a6ab4b45b1d0be4608a9a67f%7C0%7C0%7C638156059274978689%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=plpmgdtCtD9DWySqD3KIH8HxLxsRx2RL4zpZMI8jaFM%3D&reserved=0)
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August 2022 - Submitted re-submittal project manual/plan set to TXDOT and the City's Public Works Department for review

January 9, 2023 - Solicitation was advertised

February 9, 2023 - Bids due to the City. Received bids from four contractors.

March 14, 2023 - Received TxDOT's concurrence to award contract to low bidder, EAR Telecommunications LLC

Due to the potential for unforeseen conditions, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. A contingency is an additional amount of money added to the construction budget to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project. By authorizing the additional contingency funding, Council is authorizing any change orders within the contingency amount.

(Districts 1, 3, 4, 7, and 9).