



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1945, **Agenda Item #:** 10.

6/8/2023

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to a contract for architectural design services for the Faulk Library/History Center and Archival Repository Expansion project with Lord Aeck and Sargent, Inc., to increase the amount by \$250,000 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,925,000.

[Note: This amendment was awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current participation to date is 9.13% MBE and 11.12% WBE].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Capital Delivery Services Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Austin Public Library Department.

Purchasing Language:

Contract Amendment.

Prior Council Action:

December 8, 2022 - Council authorized an amendment to the original contract, item 9, on a vote of 11-0.

February 20, 2020 - Council authorized the original contract, item 9, on a vote of 10-0 with Mayor Pro Tem Garza 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 or [512-974-2500](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov).

Additional Backup Information:

The Austin History Center (AHC) building is a City of Austin Historic Landmark as well as a Registered Texas Historic Landmark. It is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Its historic collections, research services, public exhibits, and programs attract approximately 45,000 visitors annually, with 25% of those visitors from out of town. Due to the increased demands on the facility from its users, there is a need to combine the John H. Faulk Library and AHC, located at 800 and 810 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas 78701, into an Austin History Archival Repository Center.

Combining the Faulk Library and AHC will add much needed archival storage space, security for collections,

and upgrade environmental controls. The campus will be a single destination that will facilitate seamless interchanges between the Faulk Building, the AHC, adjacent Wooldridge Square, and many nearby historical sites.

Council's initial authorization provided design services for exterior site upgrades, history center exterior stone and window repair, Faulk mechanical electrical and plumbing elevator upgrades, renovation of 2.5 floors for archives and office space, and the design for the replacement of the building's original chilled water system.

This proposed amendment provides additional design services to update the employee area into a public facing reading room and to add a cold storage vault in the basement for archives that require special humidity and colder temperatures.

Funding for the redevelopment of the facility is provided by 2018 Prop B - Libraries, Museums and Cultural Arts Facilities (Branch Library Renovations) and 2017-2018; 2018-2019; 2019-2020; 2020-2021 - Historic Preservation Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds.

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 code 78701 (District 9).