



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2016, **Agenda Item #:** 20.

6/8/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of nine contracts for world language books with ALM Holdings Corporation d/b/a Chulainn Publishing Corp., D&Z House of Books, Inc. d/b/a Dom Ksiazki, Inc., India Children's Press d/b/a India For Everyone, Asala Publishing & Distribution d/b/a Jarir Bookstore, Kol-Ami, Inc., Latin American Book Source Inc., Lectorum Publications d/b/a Lectorum, Inc., Sentrum Marketing, LLC, and Tsai Fong Books, Inc., each for a term of five years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$1,860,000, divided among the contractors.

[Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the goods required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Public Library.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$124,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of the Austin Public Library. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Exempt, Library Materials.

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:

These contracts will provide books and materials in languages other than English. In response to Austin's growing diversity, the Austin Public Library strives to purchase and provide various materials in languages other than English to meet their customers' needs.

These new contracts will replace the previous contracts that expired on November 14, 2021. The requested authorization amount is higher than the previous contracts due to increased demand and departmental estimates. Some of the recommended contractors are the previous providers of these goods, and additional contractors have been added. The recommended contractors are not certified by the City or any other entity.

If the contracts are not secured, the Austin Public Library will not be able to sustain a culture of equity and diversity across the city.