



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2622, **Agenda Item #:** 53.

9/14/2023

Posting Language

Ratify a contract for financial recovery and reimbursement services following Winter Storm Mara with Tetra Tech MA d/b/a Tetra Tech in the amount of \$1,423,140.

[Note: This contract is 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 was available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of various City Departments.

Purchasing Language:

Ratification.

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:

On January 31, 2023 through February 3, 2023, an ice storm covered the City, bringing freezing temperatures, sleet, and icy conditions. The City responded to Winter Storm Mara by providing various emergency services for residents including the pickup and disposal of unprecedented quantities of storm debris, primarily downed trees and broken limbs and branches.

The City utilized this contingency contract for emergency management consulting and disaster response services that was executed prior to the storm, for assistance in requesting financial reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA). The City has contingency contracts for various services in place, which are competitively solicited with favorable pricing and terms, and awarded without any specific authorization amount, so the City is in a position to respond faster in the event identified emergency services are needed. Once used, these contracts which have exceeded the City Manager's administrative authority amount, are then brought forward to Council for ratification.