



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 23-2747, Agenda Item #: 32.**

**9/21/2023**

### **Posting Language**

Authorize execution of a contract for the 2020 Bond Traffic and Pedestrian Signals - Installation and Maintenance project with EAR Telecommunications, LLC, for up to three and a half years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.

[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 achievement of Good Faith Efforts with 3.84% MBE and 1.93% WBE participation].

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Managing Department**

Transportation and Public Works Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding for the initial amount of \$3,000,000 is available in the Capital Budget of the Transportation and Public Works Department. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 6100 CLMC904 for these services. The solicitation was issued on May 15, 2023, and closed on June 15, 2023. Of the four offers received, the recommended contractors 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=136221)  
<[https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=136221](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=136221)>.

### **For More Information:**

Direct questions regarding the Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: [FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.ov](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.ov)  
<<mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.ov>> 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 2020 Bond Traffic and Pedestrian Signals-Installation and Maintenance Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) project consists of providing the following services, including but not limited to the labor, materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment, and other facilities and services necessary for proper execution, testing, and completion of the installation of traffic and pedestrian signals or the maintenance of such infrastructure.

The contract is an IDIQ contract. It provides 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. IDIQ 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 given 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.

This IDIQ contract includes engineered specifications for the timely maintenance of existing traffic signals and pedestrian hybrid beacons (PHBs) as well as modifications to existing traffic signals and PHBs as identified. Each work order for work will be accompanied by detail showing the location of the equipment to be installed.

The base bid was used to identify and determine the lowest responsive bidder and to determine contract unit prices for each bid item.

This request allows for the execution of a contract with EAR Telecommunications, LLC, for an estimated period of 18 months with two, one-year extensions. However, if funds for the initial term are expended, staff may accelerate the extension options, but in no event will exceed the total contract amount. The extension options are subject to the agreement of both parties.

A delay in issuing this contract may affect the delivery of critical improvements in Austin and impact the Mobility component of the 2020 Mobility Bond.

This project will be located citywide in all districts.