



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2893, Agenda Item #: 8.

10/5/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for LinkedIn Learning Hub subscription services with Carahsoft Technology Corp., for a term of three years in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.

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

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Human Resources Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$113,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget of the Human Resources Department. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple contractors within this cooperative purchasing program were reviewed for these services. The Financial Services Department has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the Human Resources Department to provide these services required for the City.

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:

The contract will provide a LinkedIn Learning Hub subscription for all staff at every level of the organization to develop business, technology, and creative skills through expert-led course videos. LinkedIn Learning is an online educational platform that offers an international library of over 18,000 courses in 16 languages. This service provides unlimited access to staff, expert instructors, and the flexibility to switch between computer and mobile devices for on-the-go learning. The City implemented these services in 2020 and currently has over 7,300 users actively participating in training and professional development. This learning service is integrated into corporate and departmental development initiatives and will seamlessly integrate with the new Learning Management System, offering excellent cost and time reduction benefits.

The State of Texas Department of Information Resources cooperative is a cooperative purchasing association recognized under Texas procurement statutes. Cooperative associations, themselves or using a lead

government, competitively solicit and award contracts that are eligible for use by other qualified state and local governments. Due to their substantial volumes, larger than any one government could achieve independently, cooperative contracts routinely include superior terms, conditions, and pricing. Use of cooperative contracts also results in lower administrative costs and time savings.