



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3301, **Agenda Item #:** 38.

11/30/2023

Posting Language

Authorize execution of two contracts for safety footwear with Safety Shoe Distributors, LLP, and Red Wing Brands of America, Inc., each for a term of five years, for a total amount not to exceed \$4,500,000, divided between the contractors.

[Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the goods required for this solicitation, there was an insufficient number of M/WBEs; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

All City Departments.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$900,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget of various City departments.

Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 5000 MLJ1013 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on June 12, 2023, and closed on July 11, 2023. Of the three offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the lowest responsive offers. 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. This information is currently located at

https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=13897.

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. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract is for the purchase of safety footwear employees to withstand hazards work environments during waste collection, walking through debris, conducting inspections, and other challenging City work environments.

The recommended contractors currently provide of these goods to the City and satisfy all Occupational Safety

and Health Administration and American Society of Testing standards in accordance with the City's specifications. The recommended contractors have the available stock, knowledge, and expertise to ensure employees are fitted correctly to help maintain safety standards. The requested authorization amounts were determined using historical spending amounts, additional departments' needs, as well as anticipated additional staff in future years.

A delay in contract award could affect the ability of City departments to access reliable safety footwear.