



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-3912, **Agenda Item #:** 37.

2/29/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for library digital content and services with OverDrive, Inc., for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$22,000,000.

[Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Public Library.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,589,430 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget of the Austin Public Library.

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

Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

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:

This contract will provide digital content materials and related services that will enable Austin Public Library to lend popular audiobooks, eBooks, streaming video, digital magazines, and other digital content via Libby, a single, proprietary platform. The products and services are customized for the unique needs of public libraries nationwide. The platform also provides an integrated service with the contractor's application and the Library's Integrated Library System for real-time patron authentication.

OverDrive, Inc. is the sole distributor and maintenance provider of their online video streaming platform. The continued licensing and maintenance of this platform is important to continue offering patrons uninterrupted streaming services. Libby, the contractor's access application is exclusive to the contractor and provides multi-media access to eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines.