

# City of Austin

# **Recommendation for Action**

# File #: 25-0748, Agenda Item #: 19.

5/22/2025

# Posting Language

Authorize a contract for construction services for the Mounted Patrol Site Improvements Project for the Austin Police Department with Austin Underground, Inc., in the amount of \$967,000, plus a \$96,700 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,063,700. Funding: \$1,063,700 is available in the Capital Budget of the Austin Police Department.

### Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

#### Managing Department

Austin Police Department.

#### Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Austin Police Department.

#### Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids solicitation IFB 6100 CLMC1072 for these services. The solicitation was issued on February 3, 2025, and closed on March 6, 2025. Of the four bids received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's website. This information can currently be found at

https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account\_services/solicitation/solicitation\_details.cfm?sid=141426.

#### MBE/WBE:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 97.83% MBE and 1.76% WBE participation.

#### 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:

The Austin Police Department Mounted Patrol Facility was purchased in 2020 by the City, and houses seven structures on 65 Acres. The existing property does not have proper drainage for the site and as such the asphalt drives have deteriorated creating harmful conditions to the horses housed at this location. Additionally, ponding in the paddocks from improper drainage is creating conditions harmful to the horses' health and well-being.

The Mounted Patrol Site Improvement Project will include drainage improvements eliminating the current

ponding that occurs in the paddocks where the horses feed and graze and replacement of the deteriorated asphalt drives to reduce dust at the site and provide a smooth surface for horses and staff as they move around the site.

Due to the potential of encountering unexpected conditions, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project. By authorizing the additional contingency funding, Council is authorizing any change orders within the contingency amount.

There be no impact to the public as all work will be done on City property that is not open to the public.

If a contract is not approved, site conditions would continue to deteriorate and could lead to health and safety issues for the horses and staff.

The contract allows 120 calendar days for completion of this project.

This project is located within zip code 78612, within the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.