



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 24-3904, **Agenda Item #:** 31.

2/29/2024

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize execution of a contract for screened chocolate loam and sandy loam (topsoil) with Schuler Contracting LLC, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

[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 were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Client Department(s)**

All City Departments.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$200,000 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 RGW1018 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on September 18, 2023, and closed on October 17, 2023. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractor 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. This information can currently be found at:

[https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=139094](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=139094).

### **For More Information:**

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: [FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov](mailto: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 will provide chocolate loam and sandy loam for repair of utility infrastructure utilized by multiple departments throughout the City. Chocolate loam is finely screened topsoil containing clay and organic materials that create an ideal backfill base which allows proper plant regrowth. The City requires utility lines be backfilled at utility repairs to protect the lines from exposure to the elements and damage.

This contract will replace the current contract that will expire on September 30, 2024. The requested

authorization amount was determined using departmental estimates based on historical spending as well as forecasting for future needs. The recommended contractor is the current provider for these goods.

A delay in contract award could impact the City's ability to make needed utility repairs.

Schuler Contracting, LLC is a female owned, Women/Disadvantaged Owned Business City certified firm.