



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-5362, **Agenda Item #:** 15.

9/12/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of amendments to two contracts for continued workforce development services with Austin Regional Manufacturers Association and Austin Urban Technology Movement, to increase the amounts by \$993,420 and to extend the terms by 19 months, each for revised total contract amounts not to exceed \$1,986,840, divided between the contractors.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Economic Development Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget of the Economic Development Department.

Purchasing Language:

Contract Amendment.

MBE/WBE:

These contracts were 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 these contracts, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Prior Council Action:

October 13, 2022 - Council approved contracts for workforce development services with Austin Regional Manufacturing Association and Austin Urban Technology Movement.

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:

These contracts have provided career and occupational training in the City's target industries of Information Technology and Advanced Manufacturing. Austin Urban Technology Movement has provided job placement, conditional employment and apprenticeships, on-the-job training, and career connections assistance for over 50 program participants. Austin Regional Manufacturers Association has provided workforce pipeline development services for the Advanced Manufacturing sector and currently trains 70 high school students.

The sociodemographic characteristics of the target population to be served by these contractors are City

residents who are unemployed, underemployed, have less than a 4-year degree or who have no formal degree or certification, are current high school students in grades 9-12, and those who have limited or no work history. Wraparound services for residents aged 18 or older include but are not limited to childcare scholarships, transportation assistance, stipends, assistance with buying tools or clothes for work, referrals to other agencies, and case management.

These amendments will provide authority and time for continued occupational training. If the City is unable to extend the contract and add authority, these occupational training services will no longer be available to eligible citizens.