



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-0564, **Agenda Item #:** 29.

4/24/2025

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract for Tomar lights and accessories for the Fleet Mobility Services Department with Tomar Electronics Inc. d/b/a Tomar Electronics, for an initial term of three years, with two one-year extension options, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$385,000. Funding: \$38,500 is available in the Operating Budget of the Fleet Mobility Services Department.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Fleet Mobility Services Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$38,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of Fleet Mobility Services.

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 solicitation IFB 7800 RBB1006 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on November 12, 2024, and closed on December 19, 2024. Of the four 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 website. This information can currently be found at https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=141738.

MBE/WBE:

This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9 B (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.

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 contract is for the purchase of Tomar brand lights and accessories for the emergency vehicles used by the Austin Police Department, Austin Fire Department, and Emergency Medical Services.

The City's public safety departments have established a distinctive light pattern configuration for their lightbars, ensuring that all officers are expertly trained to operate the Tomar controls across a range of operational scenarios. Each manufacturer offers a unique array of configurations, buttons, and switches for running the lightbars. If the City were to switch to a different manufacturer, it would require replacing all existing lightbars and retraining all officers on how to operate the new equipment.

This contract will replace the current contract that will expire on May 25, 2025. The requested authorization amounts for the contract were determined using departmental estimates and historical spending. The recommended contractor is the current provider for these goods.

Securing this contract is essential to maintaining the readiness and operational effectiveness of the City's emergency response vehicles, which directly impacts public safety.