



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-2062, **Agenda Item #:** 33.

10/23/2025

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to six contracts for continued planning services consultants for Austin Planning with AECOM Technical Services Inc, HR&A Advisors Inc., Lionheart Places LLC d/b/a Lionheart, Perkins & Will Inc. d/b/a Perkins + Will, Inc., Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP d/b/a SOM, and The Goodman Corporation, to increase the amount by \$3,000,000 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$8,500,000 divided among the contractors. Funding: \$750,000 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Planning. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Lead Department

Austin Financial Services.

Client Department(s)

Austin Planning.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$750,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget of Austin Planning.

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Procurement Language:

Contract Amendment.

MBE/WBE:

This solicitation was awarded in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 6.48% MBE and 4.25% WBE participation.

Prior Council Action:

October 10, 2024 - Council approved a contract for planning services consultants with AECOM Technical Services Inc, HR&A Advisors Inc., Lionheart Places LLC dba Lionheart, Perkins & Will Inc. dba Perkins + Will, Inc., Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP dba SOM, and The Goodman Corporation.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to Austin Financial Services - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Additional Backup Information:

These contracts provide advisory support in the development and implementation of plans, policies, regulations, and studies to align with Austin Planning's mission and Council direction. Due to a significant volume of work relating to Council direction, the contracts will need increased authorization for the following additional priorities:

- Austin Planning will lead the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan Update to reflect Austin's current and projected needs for the next 20 years. This update shall adhere to Article X Section 5 of the City Charter and build upon the Imagine Austin plan created in 2012.
- Austin Economic Development will lead the development of an Economic Development Roadmap with support from one of the selected consultants. The Roadmap will establish short- and long-term economic goals, define measurable outcomes for success, and create a framework for policy development, decision-making, and performance management. It will also evaluate potential changes to City policy, ordinance, or governance necessary to fully realize the City's economic vision.
- Additionally, Austin Parks and Recreation is engaged in work related to the redevelopment of the former University Medical Center Brackenridge hospital campus and the realignment of Red River Street, including repurposing segments of "Old Red River" into a dedicated fire lane and public plaza space serving Waterloo Park. This work builds on prior Council actions, including the 2019 Statement of Terms for the Red River realignment and related land transfers and agreements.

The consultant bench established through this authorization may be used to support these and other complex redevelopment and planning efforts across City departments, as needs arise and subject to departmental and Council priorities.

If the amendments are not approved, Austin Planning and other departments will not be able to effectively fulfill the obligations to City departments, Council, and the community at large to produce long-range planning and supporting work directed by the City Council.

Contract Details:				
Contract Term	Length of Term	Contract Authorization	Requested Additional Authorization	Revised Total Authorization
Initial Term	3 years	\$3,500,000		\$3,500,000
Proposed Amendment			\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Contract Amendment	1 year	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
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Total	5 years	\$5,500,000	\$3,000,000	\$8,500,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.