



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3728, **Agenda Item #:** 13.

1/27/2022

Posting Language

Authorize award of a contract with Diversified Inspections/Independent Testing Laboratories to provide testing and inspection of aerial devices and ground ladders, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$875,000.

(Note: This solicitation was 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 this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Fleet Mobility Services.

Fiscal Note

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Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 7800 MMO1021 for these services. The solicitation was issued on September 13, 2021 and it closed on October 7, 2021. Of the three 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. Link: [Solicitation Documents](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=135637)

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For More Information:

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Persons: Marian Moore, at 512-974-2062 or Marian.Moore@austintexas.gov [<mailto:Marian.Moore@austintexas.gov>](mailto:Marian.Moore@austintexas.gov) or Bridney Stewart, at 512-974-3127 or Bridney.Stewart@austintexas.gov [<mailto:Bridney.Stewart@austintexas.gov>](mailto:Bridney.Stewart@austintexas.gov).

Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for annual inspection, testing, and certification services for City aerial devices, including ground ladders. Testing and inspections will comply with standards developed by the American Society for Non-Destructive Testing. The City currently owns and operates various makes and models of aerial devices that will be inspected under this contract. These devices are used by Austin Energy, Austin Fire Department, Austin Resource Recovery, Austin Transportation Department, and Austin Water. These third-party

inspections help identify any potential defects on aerial devices and ground ladders to ensure safe operations.

The contract replaces an existing contract that expired December 15, 2021. The recommended contractor is not the previous provider for these services. The requested authorization amount for the contract is based on estimated annual expenditures for planned inspections and future needs. If the City is unable to secure a contract, inspections and aerial device certifications may lapse and be out of compliance with inspection requirements set by regulating bodies like Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.