

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the opportunity for Council to choose among respondents in certain City solicitation items provides additional transparency to the public; and

WHEREAS, Council has the discretion to evaluate the solicitation responses independently from staff based on the specifications published in the solicitation at the time it is issued; and

WHEREAS, it is rare for Council to choose a responder that is not management's recommended vendor, yet Council has historically determined that responders other than the recommended vendor are the best choice when the procurement involves matters of public importance; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed, when posting certain items for the procurement of goods or services on council meeting agendas, to use notice language that allows Council to authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with the qualified responder recommended by staff, or to select another qualified responder or responders, when appropriate, to provide the goods or services. Specifically, the City Manager is directed to use such notice

language when any of the following solicitation methods were utilized by staff for a procurement:

1. Job Order Contracting (available for construction contracts);
2. Requests for Qualifications;
3. Requests for Proposals for non-professional services or goods; and
4. Best Value Bids for non-professional services or goods.

ADOPTED: _____, 2010

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk