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Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

38213

Agenda Number

19.

Meeting Date:

December 11, 2014

Department:

Contract Management

Subject

Authorize the use of the competitive sealed proposal procurement method in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2269 for expansion and renovation of the Austin Shelter for Women and Children project.

Amount and Source of Funding



Fiscal Note

Purchasing
Language:Prior Council
Action:For More
Information:

Robin Camp, 512-974-7830; Lynda Williams, 512-974-3066; Elizabeth Godfrey, 512-974-7141.

Boards and
Commission
Action:

MBE / WBE:



Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

The Austin Shelter for Women & Children is a 13,328 square-foot facility, located at 4523 Tannehill Lane, providing continuous emergency shelter, basic needs, specialized counseling, childcare and educational services for single women and women with dependent children. The City has recently executed a new 50-year lease with Travis County to operate this facility.

The facility is in need of renovations in order to better serve the existing population of homeless women and children as well as expand the shelter to serve between 22-35 additional clients. To address the most critical facility needs and expansion programming, renovations must include a fire suppression system, dining room expansion, ADA upgrades (American's with Disabilities Act), code compliant kitchen ceiling and site improvements including irrigation, site drainage, tree rehabilitation and planting, new drive for emergency vehicle access and a safe walking path. Additionally, expansion of the facility will provide additional sleeping quarters for family groups with older males, expanded child care facilities, and increased parking. The preliminary estimated construction budget for these improvements is \$3 million.

The facility remains occupied by women and children during renovations making it imperative that the contractor have experience working under similar circumstances. The Competitive Sealed Proposal method of contracting will allow the City to evaluate and score proposers on such comparable relevant experience.

The Competitive Sealed Proposal method is the alternative delivery method most closely related to traditional competitive bidding. The principal difference is that the City makes its selection of the respondents based on evaluation criteria consisting of, but not limited to, safety record and safety practices, comparable relevant project experience, sustainability practices, local business presence, financial stability, and price. Unlike traditional competitive bidding, price is a portion of the overall evaluation score. A city-staffed panel will review, evaluate, and rank proposals based on stated evaluation criteria. The services will be provided by a duly qualified and experienced contractor offering best value to the City.