

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	73288	Agenda Number	43.
Meeting Date:	August 17, 2017			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize an amendment to the agreement with Aero Solutions LLC., for continued analysis and support for deploying the installation of small cell antenna and support infrastructure on City infrastructure and right-of-way, for an amount increase not to exceed \$164,871, for a revised total amount not to exceed \$370,071.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$82,435.50 is available in the Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget and \$82,435.50 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Contract Amendment			
Prior Council Action:	November 10, 2016 - Approved original contract, item 11.			
For More Information:	Robert Spillar, Transportation Director, 512-974-2488 Jim Dale, Assistant Director, 512-974-4070			
Boards and Commission Action:				
Related Items:				
MBE / WBE:	This contract 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 contract there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.			

Additional Backup Information

In the spring of 2017 the City of Austin initiated a pilot program to allow Certified Mobile Radio Services (CMRS) or wireless providers to attach small cell antennas to traffic signal poles. The pilot program was limited to the downtown area and allowed the City of Austin to better refine its review and management processes for these installations. Aero Solutions, LLC., (Aero) was enlisted to prepare and support the City of Austin in receiving and managing applications for attachments to transportation infrastructure in what is a highly competitive atmosphere.

On June 9, 2017 the Texas Legislature passed SB 1004, which codified the parameters under which CMRS or wireless providers can attach small cells to existing specific municipal infrastructure and install poles. The new requirements associated with this legislation go into effect on September 1, 2017 and opens up electric utility and other transportation infrastructure for installing small cell antennas. This legislation also imposes review timelines and maximum fees for various cellular infrastructure to be installed on utility and transportation poles and in the right-of-way.

As the City of Austin prepares for the new State legislation taking effect, it is again anticipated that private sector interest in these opportunities will be very high. This contract amendment would provide for further assistance from Aero in preparing for the new rules; as well as managing applications after the new rules take effect. This additional support will position the City of Austin to more effectively process applications in compliance with State law requirements and to refine review processes.

AERO SOLUTIONS LLC.				
	# months	Contract Amount	Contract Amendment	Revised Amount
Original Contract	-	\$ 205,200	n/a	n/a
Proposed Contract Amendment	-	\$ -	\$ 164,871	\$ 164,871
TOTAL		\$ 205,200	\$ 164,871	\$ 370,071