

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting: June 14, 2018

Item Number: **055**

Purchasing Office

Authorize an amendment to an existing contract with Aero Solutions, LLC, for continued professional services related to small cell antenna installation management, to increase the contract amount by \$100,000 and to extend the term by six months, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$526,071. (Note: This procurement 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 procurement there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department	Purchasing Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$100,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
Purchasing Language	Contract Amendment.
Prior Council Action	November 10, 2016 - Council approved original contract, item #11, on a consent vote of 10-0 with Council Member Troxclair abstaining. August 17, 2017 - Council approved amendment 1, item #43, on a consent vote of 11-0.
For More Information	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager’s Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov <mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov> or to the buyer, Jim Howard, at 512-974-2031 or Jim.Howard@austintexas.gov or to the ATD Director, Robert Spillar, at 512-974-2488 or

	Rob.Spillar@austintexas.gov <mailto:Rob.Spillar@austintexas.gov>.
Client Department(s)	Austin Transportation Department.

Additional Backup Information:

In the spring of 2017, the City initiated a pilot program to allow Certified Mobile Radio Services (CMRS) or wireless providers to attach small cell antennas and related equipment to traffic signal poles. The pilot program focused on the downtown area to allow the City to refine its review and management processes for these installations. The City contracted with Aero Solutions, LLC, (Aero) to prepare and support the City in receiving and managing applications for deployment of small cells on the city transportation infrastructure.

On June 9, 2017 the Texas Legislature passed SB 1004 (now Texas Local Government Code 284), which codified the parameters under which CMRS or wireless providers can attach small cells to existing specific municipal infrastructure and install stand-alone poles for small cell attachments. The new requirements associated with this legislation went into effect on September 1, 2017 and opened up electric utility and other transportation infrastructure for the installation of small cells and placement of stand-alone poles. This legislation imposed permitting review timelines and maximum application and rental fees for various wireless infrastructure to be installed on utility and transportation poles, stand-alone poles and back-haul fiber in the right-of-way.

Since this law went into effect, wireless providers have been and continue to submit high volumes of applications to install small cells throughout the City. This amendment will allow Aero Solutions, LLC to continue assisting the City in improving our processes to respond to the increasing volume of carrier applications and to install wireless infrastructure on Austin Transportation Department and other City assets. These process improvements will enable the City to respond in a diligent and timely manner to meet the legislative mandate.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract</u>	Current Contract Authorization	Requested Additional Authorization	Revised Total Authorization
Initial Term	\$205,200		\$205,200
Amendment No. 1	\$164,871		\$164,871
Contract Amendment	\$ 56,000		\$ 56,000
Proposed Amendment		\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTALS	\$426,071	\$100,000	\$526,071

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