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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

60228

Agenda Number

36.

Meeting Date:

August 4, 2016

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month contract with IPS GROUP, INC. to complete a single space parking meter system in an amount not to exceed \$338,429 with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,938,429.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$338,429 is contingent upon approval of the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of the Transportation Department. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing
Language:

Sole Source

Prior Council
Action:

For More
Information:

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Boards and
Commission
Action:

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Additional Backup Information

The contract is for the purchase of Integrated Parking Solutions (IPS) single space parking meter system (IPS meter) to include training, installation, maintenance, and warranty services. This contract will provide additional IPS meters to complete the upgrading of the entire single space parking meter and provide enough system back stock to maintain day to day operations. IPS meters are used to upgrade the City's current single space parking meter mechanisms to accept coins, credit and debit cards. It is a low maintenance modular design and drop-in replacement mechanism that will use the existing meter housings and poles. IPS meters are battery powered and a solar array keeps the battery charged. No external power supply is required to run to the meter.

IPS meters have been in place since 2010 when the system was initially purchased to replace aging and failing single space parking meter mechanisms. There are currently over 800 IPS meters being utilized throughout the City including: downtown core, non-core, Toomey Road, East Austin, Mueller, and West Campus. This contract will provide up to an additional 275 meters to complete the system upgrade.

Primary and unique features of the IPS meter are:

- Each meter is wirelessly networked (digital cellular) to a web-based management system
- Does not require any additional wireless infrastructure to be installed, other than the meter itself
- Each meter mechanism has an integrated credit card and debit card
- Solar powered with rechargeable battery pack (3-year battery life)
- Web-based management system provides 24/7 access to parking data to authorized users and allows for remote update of meter configurations

IPS meters have proven to help increase the City's parking revenue, streamline operations, improve traffic congestion, reduce contested meter citations, improve operating times and increase convenience.

IPS Group, Inc. is the sole provider of the IPS single space parking meter system, and the only provider for the support services including spare parts, warranty and repair services, data management systems, and related services.

The existing contract expires in September. A new contract is required to provide additional meters for current and future needs, replacements, warranties and upgrades.

| IPS GROUP, INC. | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| | # months | Contract Amount | Contract Amendment | Revised Amount |
| Original Term | 12 | \$ 338,429 | n/a | n/a |
| Extension Option 1 | 12 | \$ 400,000 | n/a | n/a |
| Extension Option 2 | 12 | \$ 400,000 | n/a | n/a |
| Extension Option 3 | 12 | \$ 400,000 | n/a | n/a |
| Extension Option 4 | 12 | \$ 400,000 | n/a | n/a |
| TOTAL | 60 | \$ 1,938,429 | \$ - | \$ - |