

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 14, 2017

Item Number: 046

Purchasing Office

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Asakura Robinson Company, LLC, to provide strategic housing blueprint implementation services, for a term of one year in an amount not to exceed \$130,000. (This solicitation 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 solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.).

Lead Department	Purchasing Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.
Purchasing Language	The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) JRH0109 for these services. The solicitation issued on August 14, 2017 and it closed on September 14, 2017. The recommended contractor submitted the only responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a response list, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: Solicitation Documents <https://austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=120248> .
Prior Council Action	April 13, 2017 -Council adopted Resolution No. 20170413-024 and Resolution No. 20170413-025.
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>

	NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: John Hilbun, at 512-974-1054 or john.hilbun@austintexas.gov <mailto:john.hilbun@austintexas.gov>.
Client Department(s)	Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide the services directed by Council in Resolutions 20170413-024 and 20170413-025 concerning implementation of the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint.

Resolution No. 20170413-024 calls for the development of a detailed, multi-year action plan to implement the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint which includes specific action steps, priorities, processes and timeline, resource needs, and potential sources of funding. The Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint will also reflect collaboration with several departments and plans. It will consider existing and historical conditions regarding housing, infrastructure, transportation and school quality.

Resolution No. 20170413-025 calls for considering the use of the Corridor Housing Preservation Tool to help assess current conditions and to set corridor-specific numeric goals for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in corridors throughout Austin, beginning with those corridors that will receive funding through the 2016 Mobility Bond. The resolution also requires identifying any additional resources or strategies for leveraging transportation and infrastructure investments and coordinating with the Strike Fund to retain and create affordable housing along Austin's corridors. Lastly, a report will be provided to Council at least twice per year concerning the provisions contained within the resolution so that Council can be apprised of where development is occurring along the corridors and what progress the City is making toward meeting its goals for affordable housing in those areas.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offer and scored Asakura Robinson Company, LLC as qualified to provide these services based on approach, methodology, work plan, experience and qualifications, local business presence, and cost.

Asakura Robinson Company, LLC is a certified MBE.

If the City is unable to secure the contract then the City would be unable to fulfill the requirements and goals set forth in Resolution No. 20170413-024 and Resolution No. 20170413-025, which may cause substantial delays to the implementation of the Council-approved Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint.