



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1549, **Agenda Item #:** 19.

4/9/2020

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to an existing contract with Safety Solutions, Inc., to provide continued construction safety management services associated with the Rolling Owner Controlled Insurance Program VII, for an increase in the amount of \$118,950, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$375,550.

(Note: 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 no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Human Resources Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$187,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Budgets of various City departments. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Contract Amendment.

Prior Council Action:

February 16, 2017 - Council approved the original contract, item 20, on an 11-0 vote.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

March 11, 2020 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioners Michel, Parton, Schmitt and Williams absent.

Additional Backup Information:

Under the Rolling Owner Controlled Insurance Program (ROCIP) program, the City obtains insurance coverage instead of requiring individual contractors to provide their own. This structure establishes improved contractor equity, removes insurance barriers that can impact small and minority contractors, assures broad and uniform insurance protection is in place for the City, and provides construction cost reductions through the volume purchasing of insurance coverage. The City implemented the first ROCIP program in 1992 and ROCIP

VII is a continuation of the City's efforts to achieve these goals.

ROCIP VII construction safety management services include reviewing and approving additional general contractor's written safety manuals, assessing and approving additional contractor's on-site safety managers, and inspecting additional construction project sites for compliance with safety laws and regulations under the larger ROCIP VII program.

Council approved the ROCIP VII on February 16, 2017 with an anticipated \$400 million in construction values and 27 projects as initial candidates for inclusion in the program. The City has now identified an additional 13 projects with total construction values of \$246 million for inclusion in the program. This proposed amendment will allow for additional construction safety management services associated with the additional \$246 million in City construction values.

This proposed amendment will allow the City to take advantage of the favorable insurance rates that were negotiated during the 2017 soft insurance market while also maintaining broad and uniform coverage terms and conditions negotiated and purchased in 2017.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.