



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2461, **Agenda Item #:** 75.

7/29/2020

Posting Language

Authorize award of a contract with MoboTrex, Inc., to provide battery backup systems for traffic signal cabinets and batteries, for a term of four years in an amount not to exceed \$3,600,000.

(Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$150,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2400 BJT1008REBID for these goods. The solicitation issued on October 14, 2019 and it closed on November 7, 2019. Of the eight offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=133945)
<https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=133945>.

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: Bartley Tyler, at 512-974-2023 or Bartley.Tyler@austintexas.gov <<mailto:bartley.tyler@austintexas.gov>>.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide new battery backup systems (BBS) for traffic signals and replace existing BBSs as they become damaged and/or obsolete. The City maintains and operates approximately 1,100 traffic signals.

A BBS improves safety at intersections by providing battery backup power to a traffic signal allowing it to continue to operate normally in the event that power is interrupted. A BBS also notifies the City's Mobility Management Center of power disruptions. This contract will be used to provide 100% battery backup

coverage along the 2016 Mobility Bond Corridors.

This is a new contract. A previous contract that expired in 2013 allowed the City to purchase a large amount of inventory, which is now almost depleted.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All; Mobility.