



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-2707, Agenda Item #: 38.**

**9/1/2022**

### **Posting Language**

Authorize award of a contract with Mastec North America, Inc. to provide the installation of battery backup system cabinets, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$1,120,000.

(Note: 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**

Financial Services Department.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Transportation Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$202,550 is available in the Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2400 BJT1033 for these services. The solicitation was issued on May 9, 2022 and closed on June 9, 2022. Of the four 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://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=135499)  
<[https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=135499](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=135499)>.

### **For More Information:**

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)  
<<mailto:Bartley.Tyler@austintexas.gov>>.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide the Austin Transportation Department the ability to install city supplied battery backup units (BBUs) at traffic signals within the City. Currently, approximately half of the traffic signals in Austin have BBUs. Last year, the City established a material contract to procure BBUs. Establishing an installation contract will allow staff to concentrate on other more technical projects and deploy BBUs more rapidly. BBUs at traffic signals allows the traffic signal to continue operating normally for approximately six hours if there is a loss of power at a traffic signal or if power fluctuates. This prevents the signal from going dark during most power outages.

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This is a new contract. The requested authorization amount for this contract was determined using departmental estimates to provide installation of needed BBUs.

If a contract is not secured, the City will continue to utilize staff to provide installation, who are needed for more technical projects that require attention.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Mobility.