

Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: March 13, 2023

For the Metropolitan Council: March 15, 2023

Business Item:

Metro Transit Supplemental Security Services, Contract 22P123 - SW

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: FM 14-2 Expenditures for Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy

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Division/Department: Metro Transit / Engineering & Facilities / MTPD

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Contract 22P123 with Allied Universal for security officer services at Council owned and leased facilities in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000.

Background

In September 2022, Metro Transit launched a pilot program to provide unarmed uniformed security services at the Franklin Avenue Light Rail Station. After evaluation of the performance and effectiveness of the pilot program, Metro Transit expanded the services to the Lake Street/Midtown Light Rail Station in November 2022. Based on the success of the pilot program, Metro Transit developed a plan to further expand security services to four additional locations: Brooklyn Center Transit Center, Central Station/VCB, Uptown Transit Center, Chicago-Lake Transit Center, for a total of six locations with the ability to add future sites. This project will ensure the continuation of security services at existing and implementation at new sites over the next two years.

A Request for Proposals was issued on November 30, 2022. A pre-proposal meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquires. There were seventeen registered plan holders, one plan room, and five of the plan holders identified as minority, woman, veteran, small or disadvantaged business enterprises. On January 4, 2023, the Council received six proposals to be evaluated for the consideration of award and used the proposer quality, qualifications, experience, price and the ability to meet current and future needs as the criteria for evaluation. The evaluation panel reached consensus that the proposal submitted by Allied Universal is the most advantageous to the Council.

Rationale

The execution of a professional service contract exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Authorization to enter this contract for security services at Metro Transit facilities supports the Thrive outcomes of Prosperity, Livability, Sustainability, and Equity.

These facilities provide protection from the elements and include amenities such as seating, heat, light, and security intended to create a higher-quality transit service. Investment in high-quality transportation options make the region more economically competitive through increased access to employment, and support to employers by increasing available workforce with affordable, convenient transportation.

Ensuring the region's existing transit resources are maintained and protected allows the Council to provide efficient, reliable, and safe service to our customers. Safeguarded transit facilities support functions for operations that increase mobility and access to opportunities for all residents, across race, economic means and ability.

Funding

The costs associated with this contract will come from the Metro Transit Operating Budget.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) assigned a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal of 12% for this solicitation. OEEO determined that the firm being recommended for award has met the MCUB requirements of this contract.

