

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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Transit Planning Software, Contract 24P233

District(s), member(s):	All Districts
Policy/legal reference:	FM 14-2 Expenditures for Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
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Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Contract 24P233 with Remix Technologies, LLC, for transit planning tools in the amount not to exceed \$1,160,897.

Background

Metro Transit Service Development and other departments use specialized software to plan scenarios for fixed route transit, micro transit, and streetscape design.

A Request for Proposals was issued November 8, 2024. A pre-proposal meeting was held on November 20, 2024 that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were fifteen registered plan holders for this project, twelve prime proposers, three plan rooms, and four plan holders identified as minority, woman, veteran, small or disadvantaged business enterprises. The Council received three proposals on December 30, 2024 to be evaluated for consideration of award.

In the review of the proposals, six criteria were used in descending order of importance: Quality of the proposal; Qualifications/Experience of the proposer; Solution fit and technical approach; Key personnel; Responsiveness; and Price. Price was approximately equal in importance to a combination of all other criteria.

The evaluation panel reached consensus that the proposal submitted by Remix Technologies, LLC, was most advantageous to the Council and recommend for award.

Rationale

The execution of a contract for professional and technical services exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive lens analysis

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. This contract supports the Thrive outcome of Stewardship by providing tools that Planners can use to model future transit investments and estimate resource costs, thereby exercising good stewardship over public resources. This contract also supports the Thrive outcome of Equity by providing tools to help Planners measure the benefits and impacts of service changes on historically disadvantaged communities.

Funding

Funding for this contract will be provided under Service Development's operating budget.

Small business inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) thoroughly reviewed this procurement for Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) opportunities in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations as well as contract specifications. Upon conclusion of OEEO's research and analysis, no MCUB goal was set.

