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AGENDA DATE: November 11, 2020

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All

DEPARTMENT: Office of Procurement Services

EXECUTIVE: Elizabeth Reich

SUBJECT

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BACKGROUND

This service contract will provide for lead based paint inspections and risk assessments as part of the Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Grant Program. This program is designed to reduce or eliminate health and safety hazards related to lead-based paint in residential homes. As part of the overall program the awarded contractor will conduct initial inspections, risk assessments & final clearance on City resident homes built prior to 1978 and occupied by income eligible families with children under the age of six years old. Based on the inspection and risk assessment, the City will then develop a work plan for remediation of any hazardous lead-based paint items in the home. This remediation will be carried out by a separate supplier under a different contract.

The grant will be managed by the City's Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization. Through the rehabilitation of the owner-occupied homes, the department is dedicated to improving citizens quality of life by addressing health, safety and accessibility deficiencies, to improve their quality of life and create a positive effect in the community.

The long-term goals of the grant are:

- Reduce the elevated amount of blood lead levels within the City
- Support homeowners ranging from very low, low, and moderate-income levels by reducing the amount of lead hazards within a property with children under the age of six
- Support lead safe rental units for very low, low, and moderate-income levels
- Improve community awareness of the health effects related to lead hazards
- Identify and remediate 126 lead hazards and up to 85 healthy homes

A six-member committee from the following departments reviewed and evaluated the qualifications:

- Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization (4)
- Office of Economic Development Business Workforce and Inclusion Division (1)*
- Office of Procurement Services (1)*

*The Office of Procurement Services only evaluated cost and the Office of Economic Development Business Workforce and Inclusion Division only evaluated the Business Inclusion and Development Policy.

The committee selected the successful respondent on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications under the following criteria:

- Approach 50 points
- Experience 35 points
- Business Inclusion and Development Policy 15 points

As part of the solicitation process and in an effort to increase competition, the Office of Procurement Services used its procurement system to send out email notifications to vendors registered under relevant commodity codes. To further increase competition, the Office of Procurement Services uses historical solicitation information, the Internet, and vendor contact information obtained from user departments to contact additional vendors. Additionally, in an effort to secure more competition, the Office of Economic Development Business Workforce and Inclusion Division sent notifications to chambers of commerce and advocacy groups to ensure maximum vendor outreach.

On November 10, 2015, the City Council authorized a living wage policy that requires contractors to pay their employees a "living wage" rate as established annually by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Living Wage Calculator for Dallas County by Resolution No. 15-2141. The current calculated living wage during the solicitation process of this contract is \$11.71; the selected vendor meets this requirement.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

The Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee was briefed on the Lead Based Paint Grant

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