

Austin Transit Partnership Board of Directors Resolution Meeting Date: 12/18/2024

ATP-2024-024

**Award of Delivery Partner Services Contract** 

<u>Subject:</u> Approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director, or their designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for Delivery Partner Services, for the performance of professional services to support Austin Light Rail, including staff augmentation and technical assistance for program management and administration services, project controls, Federal Transit Administration support and advisory services, design and construction management, and post-construction management services, for an initial term of four years, with up to two, four-year extension term options, for an amount not to exceed \$98,500,000.

<u>Fiscal Impact:</u> Costs expected to be incurred for the first year of this agreement are included in the FY2025 ATP Budget. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets

**Executive Summary:** ATP staff recommends the award of the Delivery Partner Services Contract to AECOM Technical Services, Inc. The Delivery Partner will work collaboratively with ATP and other consultants, contractors, and stakeholders to coordinate performance, and will provide ATP with recommendations, advice, staff augmentation, and required deliverables for the successful delivery and implementation of Austin Light Rail. The Delivery Partner services will commence with a contract mobilization and implementation phase, and then be carried out on an as-needed basis in accordance with mutually agreed upon annual work plans. A performance incentive plan is anticipated to be developed and negotiated during the contract mobilization and implementation phase.

The Scope of Services under the Delivery Partner Services Contract includes:

- Program management and administration (project management, procurement support and contracts management, permitting, utilities, right-of-way, etc.)
- Project controls (includes risk management)
- Federal support and advisory services
- Design and construction management (quality management, health and safety management, systems, vehicles, interfaces, configuration management, design, construction, etc.)
- Post-construction management (asset management, operational readiness support, project closeout, etc.)

The amount authorized above is for the initial term of the contract. ATP staff will return to the Board for any further approval necessary to fund the extension terms.

<u>Procurement Summary:</u> On March 29, 2024, ATP issued a Pre-Solicitation Feedback Opportunity ("PSFO") that included draft versions of the Delivery Partner Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") and a contract term sheet for the industry to review and provide feedback on. In association with the PSFO, ATP hosted a "meet the prime" event to create networking opportunities between large firms, disadvantaged business enterprises ("DBEs"), and local small firms. On April 17, 2024, ATP received nine responses to the PSFO. To better collaborate with the industry, ATP offered to meet with the technical and legal teams of each firm that responded to the PSFO to discuss the scope of work in the PSFO and the term sheet. ATP staff reviewed and incorporated changes to the scope of work, RFQ document, and a draft Delivery Partner Services Contract and issued the RFQ on June 17, 2024. In response to requests for clarification from potential Respondents, ATP issued amendments to the RFQ on June 28, July 26, September 31, and August 9, 2024.

Respondent statements of qualifications ("SOQs") were due to ATP on August 20, 2024. ATP received six SOQs on or before the due date in the RFQ. The SOQ was scored by a large selection evaluation committee consisting of subject matter experts from ATP, the City of Austin, and CapMetro. All Respondents were also interviewed and evaluated by ATP's executive leadership team. After the scores from the SOQ and interview evaluations were calculated in accordance with the formula described in the RFQ, two firms remained within the competitive range and were shortlisted to participate in a collaborative behavior assessment ("CBA") aimed at assessing the extent to which each Respondent evidences the behaviors necessary to demonstrate effective collaborative working. The scores from the SOQ, interview, and CBA evaluations were calculated in accordance with the formula described in the RFQ, and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. was determined to be the most highly qualified firm for the Services and is recommended for award of the Contract.

<u>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Summary:</u> After reviewing the RFQ and evaluating availability of vendors with DBE certification, ATP set a goal for DBE participation in the Delivery Partner Services Contract of 12%. The Delivery Partner has committed to meeting the DBE participation goal. ATP will track and monitor the Delivery Partner's progress in meeting the DBE participation goal as annual work plans are issued.



## RESOLUTION OF THE AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

Resolution ID: ATP-2023-024

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WHEREAS, ATP has determined that a Delivery Partner would provide the most collaborative, time and cost-efficient management of program support for Austin Light Rail; and

WHEREAS, the Delivery Partner will work collaboratively with ATP and other consultants, contractors, and stakeholders to coordinate performance, and will provide ATP with recommendations, advice, staff augmentation, and required deliverables for the successful delivery and implementation of Austin Light Rail; and

WHEREAS, ATP issued a request for qualifications for Delivery Partner services on June 17, 2024, and ATP issued amendments to such request for clarifications on June 28, July 26, September 31, and August 9, 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** ATP received six statements of qualifications in response to the request for qualifications, and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. received the highest score pursuant to the evaluation terms of the request for qualifications; and

**WHEREAS,** staff recommends the award of the Delivery Partner Services Contract to AECOM Technical Services, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS,** the Delivery Partner services will commence with a contract mobilization and implementation phase, and then be carried out in accordance with mutually agreed upon annual work plans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of ATP that the Executive Director, or their designee, is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute a contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for Delivery Partner Services, for the performance of professional services to support Austin Light Rail, including staff augmentation and technical assistance for program management and administration services, project controls, Federal Transit Administration support and advisory services, design and construction management, and post-construction management services, for an initial term of four years, with up to two, four-year extension term options, for an amount not to exceed \$98,500,000.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of ATP that the Executive Director,

or their designee, is authorized to execute a contract mobilization and implementation phase work plan and any annual work plans in connection with the Delivery Partner Services Contract.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of ATP that the Executive Director, or their designee, is authorized to take any other actions that may be required to effectuate and enforce the terms and conditions of the Delivery Partner Services Contract, the contract mobilization and implementation phase work plan, and any annual work plans contemplated in the Delivery Partner Services Contract.

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**Brandon Carr Secretary of the Board** 

Date