



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: November 7, 2023

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SUBJECT: Award of a Sole Source Construction Contract for Council Chamber Audio/Presentation/Voting System Upgrades in the Amount of \$279,256.42 to Triton Technology Solutions

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council:

- 1) Waive competitive bidding requirements and approve a sole-source contract for upgrades to the City Council Chamber Audio/ Presentation/ Voting (APV) system to TRITON Technology Solutions (TRITON) in an amount not to exceed \$279,256.42;
- 2) Direct the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement (attached) with TRITON;
- 3) Authorize the Public Works Director or his designee to authorize contract change orders in an amount not to exceed \$40,000; and
- 4) Authorize the Purchasing and Materials Manager to issue a Contract Purchase Order encumbering funds in the account numbers designated by the Management Services Director from organization codes 244CV1 and 424CIP, not to exceed a combined total \$279,256.42.

Background:

On May 4, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution 6404(21) allocating CDBG-CV3 (COVID-19) funds toward an Access Lompoc Program. The program was established to allow for public accessed capital and program improvements to facilities and programs for human services. Improvements were identified as, but not limited to, the removal of structures to allow for distancing, installation of “no-touch” fixtures and devices for

information, sneeze and cough guards, sanitization stations and purchase of computer software for safe business practices to deter the contraction of the Coronavirus. City Hall was one of the public facilities included in the Access Lompoc Program to receive CDBG-CV3 funding.

The City Council Chamber serves as the primary forum for hosting public meetings for the local government. As such, meetings must be held in an efficient and orderly manner and often require the ability to support both remote and in person public participation.

The current APV system is an antiquated analog design that was originally installed more than 20 years ago and no longer meets the needs of the City or the participating public. In August of 2022 TRITON Technology Solutions (TRITON) an audio visual consulting firm specializing in assisting public agencies was hired to complete a system programming, construction cost estimate, and final design for a Council Chamber APV upgrade project with the primary goals of promoting transparency, public participation, bridging translation barriers, and modernizing the system as a whole.

Over the past year staff has worked with TRITON to identify existing barriers/limitations, known issues, and missing features of the existing APV system and TRITON has put together a proposed design that includes the audio/visual/presentation features that are needed in any modern public meeting hall. Some of the key enhancements include:

- Vote Lynx Meeting Management System
 - Individual Mini Graphic User Stations (dais tables);
 - Electronic Voting System;
 - Request to Speak (tracks order of request);
 - Preconfigurable for multiple meetings/commissions;
 - Integrated AV controls that can be utilized within KPEG's broadcast;
- Digital Audio System
 - Wired and wireless microphones;
 - Provides limitless flexibility with room setup;
 - Eliminates trip hazards from cords;
 - Able to easily produce quality meeting recordings;
 - Assisted Listening System for hearing impaired;
 - Ear speaker available for hearing assistance via check out;
 - Earphone/neck loop lanyard available via check out;
 - Wi-Fi audio server available to mobile devices;
 - Dial in Caller;
 - Ability to queue callers;
 - Ability to conference in meeting participants;
- Video Presentation
 - Ability to hold remote meetings via:
 - Zoom;
 - WebEx;
 - Teams; and
- Americans with Disabilities Act compliance

- New Podium and desk.

A few enhancements, including the new projector, the lobby monitor, and the monitor on the west Council wall have been previously purchased and installed. In late September TRITON finalizing the design for bid and prepared a construction cost estimate based on the proposed scope of work that totals \$335,760.45.

On October 3, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 6606(23) which authorized supplemental appropriations from account 424CIP-710291 to fund the \$191,157.83 gap between the available remaining \$144,602.62 CDBG-CV3 funds and the estimated construction cost of \$335,760.45.

Discussion:

Since the October 3, 2023, City Council meeting the existing audio visual system in the Council Chamber has experienced several technical issues during various public meetings and is on the verge of failing, essentially at any moment. Given the vital public meeting space the Council Chamber provides to the public, it is essential that this space remains operational with as little down time as possible. Therefore, staff recommends the City Council waive competitive bidding for this project, pursuant to LMC 3.36.160, because competitive bidding for this project would be undesirable and unlikely to produce an advantage. Waiving competitive bidding here would allow the City to avoid a substantial delay in this vital project needed to complete a formal bidding process. TRITON is both a contractor and a design consultant and operates in a special skills market with a unique understanding of the City facility given the amount of time they have spent researching this facility during the design process.

Fiscal Impact:

TRITON has provided a very competitive proposal of \$279,256.42, which is within the authorized project construction budget previously approved by the City Council.

Conclusion:

Upgrades to the Council Chamber audio/ presentation/ voting system will provide a substantial benefit to the public to safely conduct City Council, commission/board meetings, and all the other uses that occur on a regular basis in the Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Professional Services Agreement