



City of Tacoma

Resolution No.:

Meeting Date: August 20, 2024

**Contract and Award Letter
Purchase Resolution —Exhibit "A"**

TO: Board of Contracts and Awards

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COPY: City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and Carly Fowler, Senior Buyer, Finance/Purchasing

SUBJECT: Links to Opportunity Streetscape Project – Bid Package 5
Request for Bids Specification No. PW23-0160F, Contract No. CW2267451 – August 20, 2024 City Council

DATE: July 19, 2024

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY: The Public Works Department recommends a contract be awarded to Global Contractors, LLC, Eatonville, WA, in the amount of \$2,123,050.00, plus a 15 percent contingency, budgeted from the 1060 Transportation Capital & Engineering Fund, for a projected contract amount of \$2,441,507.50, plus applicable taxes, for sidewalk and streetscape improvements from South 15th Street to South 19th Street along Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs.
- Foster a vibrant and diverse economy with good jobs for all Tacoma residents.
- Cultivate a vibrant cultural sector that fosters a creative, cohesive community.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.

The project will improve the City infrastructure along Martin Luther King Jr. Way by replacing sidewalks to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and adding streetscape features that reflect the recommendations from the community based planning process. Planting of trees within the right-of-way will also be incorporated in the project in conformance with the City’s Urban Forestry Policy.

BACKGROUND: The Links to Opportunity Streetscape Project (LTO Project) was initiated in 2016, and actively engaged the community in designing streetscape improvements along Sound Transit’s Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension route which runs along Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Way between Division Avenue and South 19th Street.

The project serves one of Tacoma’s oldest historically Black neighborhoods and business districts, and the design is informed by nearly two years of grassroots outreach to the Hilltop community. Spaceworks, Downtown: On the Go!, Hilltop Action Coalition, Hilltop Engagement Committee, and Tacoma Housing Authority all assisted in the outreach effort to gather information from local residents and businesses. The final design is informed and defined by the community that it will serve and will honor the history of the corridor.

ISSUE: The construction project improvements include sidewalks, lighting, street furniture, wayfinding signage, trees, and landscaping. The resulting streetscape design will enable safe access for all users including pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities.



ALTERNATIVES: The alternative is to not replace the existing sidewalk nor add the streetscape features and perform regular maintenance where necessary. Not awarding the contract would result in not completing the vision of better access to the T-Line for the Hilltop community and the return of \$2,000,000.00 in grant funding for just this bid package. Other bid packages to complete the improvements would also be impacted by not awarding this contract, forfeiting additional \$10,000,000.00 in grant and City funding.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION: Request for Bids Specification No. PW23-0160F was opened June 25, 2024. Three hundred fifty companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Two submittals were received. The LTO Project team made every effort to prepare the bidding community for this project. In coordination with the Washington Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), Community and Economic Development (CED)/Equity in Contracting (EIC), and Public Works, the City held outreach sessions in November and December 2022, inviting contractors and subcontractors to learn of the project and promote teaming opportunities. Public Works Engineering staff also attended Regional Contractor Forums with EIC staff to promote teaming opportunities for the LTO Project. The total streetscape project is divided into five separate bid packages in an effort to make the construction packages more attractive to lower tier contractors with lower bonding capacity and to encourage the usage of more Office of Minority and Women’s Business Enterprises (OMWBE) qualified firms. A pre-bid conference was also held at the People’s Community Center to promote teaming prior to the bid opening.

Global Contractors, LLC submitted a bid that resulted in the lowest evaluated submittal after consideration of EIC participation requirements. The table below reflects the amount of the total award.

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Location</u> <i>(city and state)</i>	<u>Submittal Amount</u>
Global Contractors, LLC*	Eatonville, WA	\$2,123,050.00
Castaneda Landscaping**	Aberdeen, WA	\$73,290.00

* An EIC Waiver Request was approved for Global Contractors, LLC in July 2024.

** Castaneda Landscaping was non-responsive for incomplete and missing bid documents.

Pre-bid Estimate: \$2,000,000.00

The recommended award is 6.2 percent above the pre-bid estimate.

CONTRACT HISTORY: New Contract

SUSTAINABILITY: This project will improve and preserve the existing City's sidewalk infrastructure and enhance pedestrian safety.

EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE: The EIC requirements for this project are MBE 20 percent, WBE 20 percent, and SBE 20 percent. The EIC utilization levels of the recommended contractor, Global Contractors, LLC, are MBE 20.27 percent, WBE 18.95 percent, and SBE 29.80 percent.



Public Works and the EIC office recommended a Waiver Request to award to the low bidder. Global Contractors, LLC exceeded the requirements for MBE and SBE usage and was 1.05 percent short of meeting the WBE requirement. Overall, the total required percentage of subcontracting for all categories is 60 percent and Global Contractors, LLC exceeded the total requirement with 69 percent. The Waiver Request was approved by the City Manager on July 12, 2024.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (LEAP) COMPLIANCE: The LEAP requirements for this project are 15 percent of the project labor hours must be worked by Local Employees and an additional 15 percent of the labor hours must be worked by Apprentices, per TMC 1.90.040.

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1060 Transportation Capital & Engineering Fund	PWK-G0041-05-01	5330100	\$2,441,507.50
TOTAL			Up to \$2,441,507.50

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Sound Transit System Access Fund Grant	PWK-G0041-FS-03	4331240	(\$2,441,507.50)
TOTAL			Up to (\$2,441,507.50)

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$2,441,507.50

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED. N/A