



**Contract and Award Letter
Purchase Resolution – Exhibit “A”**

TO: Board of Contracts and Awards
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SUBJECT: Contract Award Recommendation – Links to Opportunity Streetscape Project –
Bid Package 1, Request for Bids Specification No. PW24-0189F, Contract No.
CW2274120 – June 3, 2025 City Council
DATE: April 29, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY: The Public Works Department recommends a contract be awarded to Global Contractors, LLC, Graham, WA, in the amount of \$1,277,943.00, plus a 10 percent contingency, budgeted from the 1060 Transportation Capital & Engineering Fund, for a projected contract amount of \$1,405,737.30, plus applicable taxes, for sidewalk and streetscape improvements along North 1st Street from Tacoma Avenue to Division Avenue and then along Division Avenue from North 1st Street to 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 North 1st Street and Division Avenue 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 North 1st Street and Division Avenue between Tacoma Avenue and South 19th Street.

The project serves one of Tacoma's oldest neighborhoods and business districts, and the design is informed by nearly two years of grassroots outreach to the Hilltop and Stadium communities. 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 includes improvements along North 1st Street from Tacoma Avenue to Division Avenue, and along Division Avenue from North 1st Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Way. The scope of work includes new sidewalks, lighting, street furniture, bike channelization, trees, and landscaping. The enhanced streetscape will support safe and accessible use for 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 Stadium community and the return of \$1,960,000.00 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 an additional \$10,000,000.00 in grant and City funding.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION:

Request for Bids Specification No. PW24-0189F was opened April 22, 2025. Three hundred fifty companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. One submittal was 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 meetings to learn of the project and promote teaming opportunities. 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 goals. The table below reflects the amount of the total award.

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Submittal Amount</u>
Global Contractors, LLC	Graham, WA	\$1,277,943.00

Pre-bid Estimate: \$1,300,000.00

The recommended award is 1.7 percent below 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 recommended contractor is in compliance with the EIC requirements per memorandum dated April 24, 2025. The EIC requirements for this project are MBE 20 percent, WBE 14 percent, and SBE 20 percent. The EIC utilization levels of the recommended contractor, Global Contractors, LLC, are MBE 26.24 percent, WBE 20.38 percent, and SBE 26.24 percent.

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	\$1,405,737.30
TOTAL			Up to \$1,405,737.30

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
WA Dept. of Commerce Grant	PWK-G0041-FS-04	4334360	(\$666,886.12)
Sound Transit System Access Grant	PWK-G0041-FS-03	4331240	(\$738,851.18)
TOTAL			Up to (\$1,405,737.30)

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$1,405,737.30

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

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