



TO: Board of Contracts and Awards
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SUBJECT: Prairie Line Trail, Phase I and Phase II
Request for Bids Specification No. PW13-0048F – May 19, 2015
DATE: May 1, 2015

SUMMARY:

The Public Works Department recommends an amendment to SAP contract number 4600009754 with BCRA, Inc., Tacoma, WA, in the amount of \$350,573.32, for a cumulative contract amount of \$708,119.70, budgeted from the 1140 Paths and Trails Fund, for additional work requested during Phase I of the Prairie Line Trail design, and expansion of the design scope to include Phase II of the Prairie Line Trail.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.

The Prairie Line Trail is envisioned as an important component of Tacoma’s pedestrian and bicycle network, and will serve as a critical link between downtown Tacoma and the Thea Foss waterfront.

BACKGROUND:

ISSUE: The Prairie Line Trail (Trail) runs along the existing BNSF rail corridor through downtown Tacoma. The Trail begins from a point just north of South 25th Street, continues through the University of Washington Tacoma (UWT) campus, crosses Pacific Avenue at South 17th Street, and runs along BNSF right-of-way paralleling Hood Street until it follows the South 15th Street bridge to Dock Street. The Trail is approximately one mile long, one-third of which runs through the UWT campus. The UWT has completed their portion of the Trail between Pacific Avenue and South 21st Street. The City has completed design of Phase I (from Pacific Avenue to Dock Street) and is in the process of certifying the right-of-way acquisition through Washington State Department of Transportation to allow the project to advertise for bids and proceed to construction.

During design of Phase 1, in working with the stakeholder groups, several project items were added to better meet the expectations of the public concerning the project. These included the design of an additional wayfinding sign, engineering support for the installation of artwork on the 15th Street Bridge, design of a pedestrian crossing and ramps on Hood Street. Along with these items, additional soil sampling activities were required due to the conceptual design not accounting for the need of a retaining wall to support the trail.

The City is prepared to initiate design of Phase II from South 21st Street to South 25th Street with support from BCRA staff to continue the development of the overall trail design, resulting in bid-ready construction documents for the Phase II portion of the Trail. Design services will include landscape architecture, structural and geotechnical engineering, cost estimating, environmental investigation and remediation design.



There is no construction funding at this time. However, after the construction estimate is updated the City will pursue funding through a combination of state and federal grants, and City funds.

ALTERNATIVES: The alternative to awarding this extension to BCRA would be to conduct a new consultant selection process. However, by doing so it is believed that overall costs would increase due to additional staff costs for advertising, reviewing and awarding the contract and an increase in consulting costs due to a loss of continuity with a potential new consultant.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION: Request for Qualifications Specification No. PW13-0048F, On-Call Local Agency Guidelines (LAG) Roster for Consultant Services, advertised in March 2013, to establish a list of qualified firms that may work on federally funded City projects. The roster was established in accordance with the requirements of the Washington State Department of Transportation and RCW 39.80.

Three firms with qualifications applicable to the design and construction of urban trails/linear parks were selected from the roster. These firms were interviewed based on criteria including experience with similar projects, in-house quality assurance/control procedures, experience of the proposed team, design of accessible spaces, and ability to meet schedule. Based on the outcome of the interviews, the firms were ranked in the following order:

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rank or Score</u>
BCRA, Inc.	Tacoma, WA	1
AHBL, Inc.	Tacoma, WA	2
Bruce Dees & Associates, L.L.C.	Tacoma, WA	3

CONTRACT HISTORY: This contract was originally awarded to BCRA, Inc., by Purchase Resolution No. 38872 on April 1, 2014, as a result of Request for Qualifications Specification No. PW13-0048F, On-Call Local Agency Guidelines (LAG) Roster for Consultant Services, advertised in March 2013, to establish a list of qualified firms that may work on federally funded City projects. This is the first amendment to the contract.

SUSTAINABILITY: Full build-out of the Trail will increase the opportunity for non-motorized travel, encourage healthy and active lifestyles, reduce carbon emissions, and provide open space and recreational options for both local residents and visitors to Tacoma. The landscape will include drought tolerant and adaptive plant material and an efficient irrigation system to minimize the consumption of our water resources.

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE): Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1140 Paths and Trails Fund	PWK-00215	5600000	\$350,573.32
TOTAL			\$350,573.32

* General Fund: Include Department

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
3211 Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) Funding	PWK-00215	6311064	\$350,573.32
TOTAL			\$350,573.32

POTENTIAL POSITION IMPACT: N/A

POSITION TITLE	PERMANENT/ PROJECT TEMPORARY POSITION	FTE IMPACT	POSITION END DATE
TOTAL			

This section should only be completed if a subsequent request will be made to increase or decrease the current position count.

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$350,573.32

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes, in 2015-2016 adopted budget.

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED.
Expenses are budgeted and covered.

