



City of Tacoma

Resolution No.:

Meeting Date: February 13, 2024

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

**TO:** Board of Contracts and Awards  
**FROM:** Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Public Works Director/City Engineer  
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**SUBJECT:** Street Initiative Package No. 32A  
 Request for Bids, Specification No. PW23-0219F – February 13, 2024 –  
 City Council  
**DATE:** January 11, 2024

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**RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:**

The Public Works (PW) Department recommends a contract be awarded to R.L. Alia Company, Renton, Washington, in the amount of \$2,367,967.00, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$2,723,162.05, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from various departmental funds and Local Improvement District (LID) 8670R, for the restoration of approximately eight blocks of residential streets and construction of ADA-compliant curb ramps.

**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.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.

This project will improve the roadway infrastructure by providing a safer driving surface for vehicles and bicycles and install ADA-compliant curb ramps and new sidewalk for increased pedestrian safety. Improvements to storm and sanitary mains and catch basin relocation/replacements will address drainage concerns.

**BACKGROUND:**

The voters of Tacoma approved the Street Initiatives (Proposition A and Proposition No. 3) in November 2015, approving funding to repair and improve City streets. The 2015 Voted Street Initiative Fund 1085 was created and approved by the City Council under Ordinance No. 28344 on February 9, 2016. This fund provides for arterial street improvements, non-motorized improvements, and residential street repairs.

**ISSUE:** The project's construction consists of improvements to the pedestrian network across the entire project limit, this includes installing curb ramps and installing a new road section along South 14th Street and South State Street. There is an LID on Ferry Street to improve the street conditions, and install curb and gutter, sidewalk, and driveway approaches. This project also includes improvements to the storm and sanitary mains and catch basin relocations/replacements to address drainage concerns.

**ALTERNATIVES:** The alternative to performing the street restoration and improvements is to complete only minor repairs, which would not meet the intent of the voter-approved initiative.



**COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION:**

Request for Bids Specification No. PW23-0219F was opened November 21, 2023. Five companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Seven submittals were received.

R.L. Alia Company submitted a bid that resulted in the lowest evaluated submittal after consideration of Equity in Contracting (EIC) participation goals. The table below reflects the amount of the base award.

<u>Respondent (RFB)</u>	<u>Location</u> <i>(city and state)</i>	<u>Submittal Amount</u>
<b>R.L. Alia Company</b>	<b>Renton, WA</b>	<b>\$2,367,967.00</b>
Miles Resources, LLC	Puyallup, WA	\$2,390,843.00
Northwest Cascade Inc.	Puyallup, WA	\$2,562,441.00
Tucci & Sons	Tacoma, WA	\$2,669,132.25
Reed Trucking & Excavating, Inc.	Tacoma, WA	\$3,233,832.00
Active Construction, Inc.	Tacoma, WA	\$3,351,031.61
Westwater Construction Company	Renton, WA	\$3,780,800.00

Pre-bid Estimate: \$ 2,927,865.00

The recommended award is 19 percent below the pre-bid estimate.

CONTRACT HISTORY: New contract.

**SUSTAINABILITY:** The project will improve the City's infrastructure and safety of residents by providing a new driving surface for motorized and non-motorized travel. ADA-compliant curb ramps will also be installed as part of the contract addressing social equity factors, including mobility, as well as ergonomic and human health impacts. Utility installation, upgrades, and maintenance will ensure utilities are operating at current and future demands.

**EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE:** The recommended contractor is in compliance with the EIC requirements per memorandum dated November 27, 2023. The EIC requirements for this project are MBE 10 percent, WBE six percent and SBE 15 percent. The EIC utilization levels of the recommended contractor, R.L. Alia Company, are MBE 15.93 percent, WBE 13.53 percent, and SBE 15.93 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
1085 PW Streets Initiative Fund	PWK-00434-32	5330100	\$1,695,227.54
4300 ES Wastewater Fund	ENV-04024-07-04	5330100	\$621,516.93
4301 ES Surface Water Fund	ENV-03032-06-04	5330100	\$198,432.86
LID 8670	LID-8670R-06	5330100	\$207,984.72
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to \$ \$2,723,162.05</b>

**REVENUES:**

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1085 PW Streets Initiative Fund	663020	Various	(\$1,572,378.24)
4300 ES Wastewater Fund	524700	6310010	(\$621,516.93)
4301 ES Surface Water Fund	529700	6310010	(\$198,432.86)
MPT 2014 Capital Bond Funds		6310010	(\$122,849.30)
LID 8670	662010	6398645	(\$207,984.72)
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to (\$2,723,162.05)</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$2,723,162.05**

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED?** Yes, each department has budgeted to contribute to the project.

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