



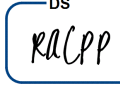
City of Tacoma

Resolution No.:

Meeting Date: January 23, 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 Brandon Snow, Senior Buyer, Finance/Purchasing

SUBJECT: Design Services for the East 34th Street Deck Repair and Seismic Retrofit Project, Project Number PWK-G0060
Request for Qualifications Specification No. PW23-0141F, State Contract No. LA10605 – January 23, 2024 City Council

DATE: December 19, 2023

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:

The Public Works (PW) Department recommends a contract be awarded to Exeltech Consulting, Inc., Lacey, WA, for design work to repair the East 34th Street Bridge, in the amount of \$541,088.82, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the 1060 Transportation Capital Fund, for an initial contract term of two years with the option to renew for one year.

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.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

City residents are benefited by this project which provides necessary repairs to a historically significant bridge, originally built in 1937. The bridge is currently on the National Registry of Historic Properties (NRHP) as well as the Tacoma Historic Register. The bridge is structurally deficient and in poor condition with exposed reinforcing steel. The design to repair the bridge will also include addition of a structural steel handrail to make the handrail code compliant, as well as a guardrail. The City has been awarded federal funding for a Local Bridge Program grant to repair the bridge. The bridge provides critical access for residents within an area with a “very low” Equity Index rating to Pacific Avenue, a principal arterial and transit corridor. By leveraging federal grant funds, the project promotes an efficient and effective government.

BACKGROUND:

The current poor condition of the bridge, and lack of a handrail and guardrail, creates a safety hazard for all users of the bridge (drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians).

ISSUE: The contract includes design work to repair the East 34th Street Bridge, as well as addition of a structural steel handrail to make the handrail code compliant, and a guardrail.

ALTERNATIVES: In the event that the request to award for design is denied, the City has the option of readvertising the project. This would result in delays to a much-needed bridge repair and continuance of a substandard pedestrian safety facilities. Delaying the project would also put the federal grant funding dollars awarded to this project at risk.



COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION: Requests for Qualifications Specification No. PW23-0141F was opened August 8, 2023. One hundred eleven companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Two submittals were received. Submittals were evaluated by a Selection Advisory Committee (SAC). After initial scoring, the SAC determined interviews were not deemed necessary to select the most qualified firm.

Exeltech Consulting, Inc. submitted a qualifications statement that scored the highest in the selection process. The table below states the scores of the evaluated firms.

<u>Respondent</u> (RFQ)	<u>Location</u> <i>(city and state)</i>	<u>Score</u>
Exeltech Consulting, Inc.	Lacey, WA	292
KPFF Consulting Engineers	Seattle, WA	271

CONTRACT HISTORY: New contract.

SUSTAINABILITY: Resolution No. 40776 supports investments that make it easier and safer for people to ride the bus, walk, bike, and roll as a method of reducing carbon emissions, and reducing stormwater pollution and local air pollution. The inclusion of the pedestrian safety components (handrail and guardrail) will increase safety for people to walking, biking, and rolling to destinations, including transit stops located at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and South 34th Street.

EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE: Not applicable.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (LEAP) COMPLIANCE: Not applicable.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE): The recommended contract is in compliance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26 per WSDOT contract concurrence email, dated December 19, 2023. The DBE goal for this project is 19 percent, and the DBE participation is 93 percent.



FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1060 Transportation Capital Fund	PWK-G0060-01-02	5310100	\$541,088.82
TOTAL			Up to \$541,088.82

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
WSDOT Local Bridge Program Grant Revenue	PWK-G0060-FS-04	4333240	(\$541,088.82)
TOTAL			Up to (\$541,088.82)

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$541,088.82

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes. Project expenditures are budgeted or accounted for by the above listed funding sources.

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