




City of Tacoma

**Resolution No.:**

**Meeting Date:** May 2, 2023

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

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**TO:** Board of Contracts and Awards  
**FROM:** Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer   
Josh Lauer, Project Manager, Public Works Engineering  
**COPY:** City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and  
Tina Eide, Senior Buyer, Finance/Purchasing  
**SUBJECT:** Edison, Whitman, & Lincoln Safe Routes to School - REBID  
Request for Bids Specification No. PW23-0019F – May 2, 2023 City Council  
**DATE:** April 5, 2023

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**RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:**

The Public Works Department recommends a contract be awarded to Axum General Construction, Inc, Maple Valley, WA, in the amount of \$1,289,636.25, plus a 15 percent contingency, budgeted from REET and Transportation Improvement Board Active Transportation program funds, for a cumulative total of \$1,483,081.69, plus applicable taxes, for pedestrian and safety improvements located at Edison Elementary, Whitman Elementary, and Lincoln High Schools.

**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.

The project will improve the City's infrastructure and routes to schools by increasing driver awareness of pedestrians at school zone intersection crossings and by replacing sidewalk curb ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. 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 City of Tacoma created a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program to promote safe walking and bicycling routes for K-12 students. The goal of the program is to empower students and parents to feel comfortable walking and bicycling to school, which in turn should encourage children to lead a more active and healthier lifestyle.

ISSUE: The Edison Elementary School scope of work consists of installation of bulb-outs at South 60th Street and South Oaks Street, ADA-compliant curb ramps, crosswalk signage, and markings. The Whitman Elementary School scope of work consists of bulb-outs at South 40th Street and South M Street, a raised crossing at South 40th Street and South L Street, a raised crossing at South 39th Street and South L Street, ADA-compliant curb ramps, crosswalk signage, and pavement markings. The Lincoln High School scope of work consists of a raised crossing at South 37th Street and South Park Avenue, ADA-compliant curb ramps, cross walk signage, and pavement markings. Additionally, there will be a traffic circle installed at the nearby South 37th Street and Tacoma Avenue South intersection.



ALTERNATIVES: The alternative is to continue regulating school zones with the existing warning signs. This would not support the City's effort to complete a comprehensive Safe Routes to School Plan.

**COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION:** Request for Bids Specification No. PW23-0019F was opened March 7, 2023. Seventy-eight companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Seven submittals were received. The low bidder, Reign City Services, LLC was determined non-responsive for not meeting Equity in Contracting (EIC) goal requirements.

Axum General Construction, Inc 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> (city and state)	<u>Submittal Amount</u>
Reign City Services, LLC*	Tukwila, WA	\$1,286,732.33
<b>Axum General Construction, Inc</b>	<b>Maple Valley, WA</b>	<b>\$1,289,636.25</b>
Reed Trucking & Excavating, Inc.	Puyallup, WA	\$1,346,316
Global Contractors, LLC	Eatonville, WA	\$1,393,848
Tucci & Sons, Inc	Tacoma, WA	\$1,401,053.80
Sound Pacific Construction, LLC	Gig Harbor, WA	\$1,577,041
Northwest Cascade, Inc	Puyallup, WA	\$1,586,586

\*Reign City Services, LLC was determined non-responsive for not meeting EIC goals.

Pre-bid Estimate: \$1,278,950.

The recommended award is 0.83 percent above the pre-bid estimate.

Based on the estimated working days staff believes this project will result in 4,320 labor hours.

CONTRACT HISTORY: New Contract.

SUSTAINABILITY: The project will improve access to Edison Elementary, Whitman Elementary, and Lincoln High Schools and improve the City's infrastructure and the safety of residents by providing enhanced pedestrian crossings in school zones. ADA-compliant curb ramps will be installed addressing social equity factors including ergonomic and human health impacts. Planting of trees within the right-of-way will also be incorporated in the project in conformance with the City's Urban Forestry Policy.

EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE: The recommended contractor is in compliance with the EIC Regulation requirements per memorandum dated March 13, 2023. The EIC requirements for this project are 11 percent MBE, 7 percent WBE and 8 percent SBE. The EIC utilization levels of the recommended contractor, Axum General Construction, Inc, are 11 percent MBE, 7 percent WBE, and 8 percent SBE.



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
REET2	PWK-01034-05-01	5330100	\$1,168,098.69
TIB – Active Transport Program	PWK-01034-05-01	5330100	\$314,983
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to \$1,483,081.69</b>

**REVENUES:**

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
REET2	PWK-01034-FS-02	6311102	\$1,168,098.69
TIB – Active Transport Program	PWK-01034-FS-04	4334280	\$314,983
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to \$1,483,081.69</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET:** \$1,483,081.69

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED?** The REET amount is budgeted. Funding from the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) was recently awarded and is not yet budgeted. Staff plan to add this funding to the budget at the next available budget process.

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