



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

**TO:** Board of Contracts and Awards  
**FROM:** Adam Cook, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events  
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**COPY:** City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and Sara Bird, Senior Buyer, Finance/Procurement  
**SUBJECT:** Tacoma Dome East Wall Power Installation  
Request for Bids Specification No. PF25-0223F, Contract No. CW2282709 – June 30, 2026, City Council  
**DATE:** June 2, 2026

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**RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:**

The Tacoma Venues and Events (TVE) Department recommends a contract be awarded to Apex Mechanical LLC, Battle Ground, WA, in the amount of \$820,500.00, plus applicable taxes, for an initial contract term of July 1, 2026, to December 31, 2027, budgeted from the Dome Fund 4180 for the East Wall Power Installation project at the Tacoma Dome.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.

This project directly aligns with outstanding stewardship of the built environment by modernizing core high-capacity electrical infrastructure within the iconic Tacoma Dome. By replacing aging, inefficient equipment with modern systems, the City ensures reliable energy distribution, meets rigorous modern architectural and mechanical standards, and mitigates operational hazards.

**BACKGROUND:** The Tacoma Dome regularly hosts premier large-scale entertainment, sports, and exhibition events requiring significant, continuous electrical loads. The existing infrastructure serving stage production needs on the East side of the facility relies heavily on aging components, including a 1600A feeder circuit currently routed to an obsolete and abandoned electric boiler system ("Boiler 2"). To support modern production requirements and ensure the facility remains competitive for international touring acts and exhibitions, an upgrade to high-capacity stage power distribution is required.

**ISSUE:** The current backstage power infrastructure lacks the direct high-capacity configurations and modern electrical distribution required to safely and effectively handle heavy operational performance loads. Additionally, the space constraints in the main mechanical room are exacerbated by the presence of the abandoned "Boiler 2" unit. Without this upgrade, the venue risks overtaxing its power grids, experiencing operational electrical failures during major events, and facing space deficiencies for mechanical systems. Furthermore, added electrical configurations generate considerable thermal load, necessitating a primary, commercial-grade cooling system to safely prevent equipment overheating and subsequent fire hazards.



**ALTERNATIVES:** If the City decides not to move forward with this contract, the Tacoma Dome East Wall power infrastructure will remain outdated and limited. The venue will face immediate operational constraints, potentially leading to an inability to accommodate modern technical riders from major performances, resulting in lost revenue and reduced public engagement. Inaction also leaves an abandoned boiler taking up critical footprint space and leaves the electrical room without adequate thermal management, increasing public safety risks and equipment degradation from heat stress.

**COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS:**

The Department issued a formal Request for Bids under Specification No. PF25-0223F in February 2026. Three companies were invited to bid in addition to the standard public advertising of the project. Three submittals were received. Following a thorough review to verify full responsiveness, quality, and technical competency, Apex Mechanical LLC was identified as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder matching all engineering criteria and was subsequently selected for the contract award.

<u>Respondent (RFB)</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Submittal Amount</u>	<u>Responsive</u>
Apex Mechanical LLC	Battle Ground, WA	\$820,500.00	Yes
Merriman Contracting LLC	La Center, WA	\$834,719.30	No
George's Electric	Port Orchard, WA	\$524,554.02	No

**CONTRACT HISTORY:** New contract.

**SUSTAINABILITY:** The work included in this project was developed considering sustainability factors such as electrical consumption and the final project scope represents the best overall sustainable solution.

**EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE:** This project is subject to EIC requirements of 11% Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), 6% Women Business Enterprise (WBE), and 9% Small Business Enterprise (SBE) participation.

A waiver of the EIC requirement (Waiver No. W0126-PF, approved May 5, 2026) has been granted. Apex Mechanical LLC, the bidder recommended for award, provided the lowest and most complete proposal. The contractor indicated they contacted multiple certified EIC firms but did not receive responsive quotes within the procurement timeline. The waiver was approved based on the project's operational criticality to the Tacoma Dome.

**LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (LEAP)**

**COMPLIANCE:** This project has explicit LEAP requirements. The contractor is required to ensure that 15 percent of total labor hours are performed by residents of the City of Tacoma or Economically Distressed ZIP Codes within the Tacoma Public Utilities Service Area. A LEAP Utilization Plan must be submitted at the Preconstruction Meeting. Failure to meet the LEAP requirement results in monetary penalties per TMC 1.90.



**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**EXPENDITURES:**

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
4180 Tacoma Dome Ops	PAF-00059-01-01	5330100	\$820,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to \$820,500.00</b>

**REVENUES:**

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
4180 Tacoma Dome Ops	PAF-00059-01-01	Various	(\$820,500.00)
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to (\$820,500.00)</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$820,500.00**

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes**

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