

City of San Antonio



Minutes

Audit and Accountability Committee

2021 – 2023 Council Members

Clayton Perry, Dist. 10

Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Dist. 2

Manny Pelaez, Dist. 8

Judy Treviño, Citizen Member

Monday, June 13, 2022

12:00 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

The Audit and Accountability Committee convened a regular meeting in the Norma S. Rodriguez Council Chamber in the Municipal Plaza Building beginning at 12:16 PM. Deputy City Clerk Aurora Perkins took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Committee Members present:

Members Present: Clayton Perry, *Chair*
Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, *Member*
Manny Pelaez, *Member*
Judy Trevino, *Citizen Member*

Members Absent: None

Public Comment

Included in Item 1 narrative.

Staff Briefing

- 1. Briefing on the release of a solicitation for Zoll defibrillator accessories to provide the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) with Zoll defibrillator accessories in the estimated total value of \$ 5,500,000.00 for 3 years with, 2, 1-year renewals to include a recommended change to the Local Preference Program price preference for low bid procurements.**
[María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; Charles N. Hood, Fire Chief]

Chief Financial Officer Ben Gorzell introduced the Item and Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, who provided an overview of the solicitation process and specifics on the accessories which the San Antonio Fire Department would utilize. Elliott reviewed the two solicitations

specifics of the Local Preference Program for the low bid procurements. He reviewed the solicitation requirements and allowances of the current City Ordinance addressing procurements related to the Local Preference Program and State statutes. Elliott stated that staff recommended an award to Zoll Manufacturing directly based on the Local Preference Program and the Ordinance.

Chair Perry called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Juanita Sepulveda, Chair of SBEDA and Co-Chair of SBAC expressed concern that a large out-of-state company would be utilized instead of a small local business.

Jane Gonzalez stated that the City had a systemic cultural mindset that a widget was a widget, and these were supplies that were required every time the defibrillator was used. She added that the City did not support small businesses.

Floyd Wilson stated that the community wanted to establish the consideration of debundling to assist local small businesses to have an opportunity of contract participation.

DISCUSSION

Councilmember Perry stated that debundling would give local small businesses an opportunity to be more competitive with large businesses. He asked what had been accomplished for small businesses. Michael Sindon, Economic Development Department Assistant Director, stated that the SBEDA Program was overhauled in 2010 and at that time 13% of City contracts were awarded to minority, women-owned businesses. He noted that today, approximately 48% of City contracts were awarded to minority, women-owned businesses. Councilmember Perry asked how much was paid to small businesses overall in 2010. Sindon stated that he would provide the information.

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez asked if the City was limited by the type of solicitation. Elliott replied that it would depend on whether the solicitation was covered under State statute.

Councilmember Pelaez asked Jane Gonzalez why she considered that the requested equipment was in the essential category. Gonzalez provided her interpretation of the essential equipment category. Pelaez stated that he did not agree with the emergency purchase.

Citizen Member Treviño asked for clarification on the Local Preference Program applicable percentages and staff recommendations. Elliott provided clarification on the different categories and Sindon provided clarification on the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Program goals used in prior contracts. Treviño requested the data for the use of local vendors on all contracts.

Gorzell stated that staff would work with both contractors to extend the current contract for six months and then staff would provide briefings on the recommendations to the Local Preference Program and the related Ordinance which would be brought before the full City Council for consideration.

No action was required for Item 1.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 PM.

Approved

Clayton H. Perry, Chair

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk