



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Convention and Sports Facilities

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Patricia Muzquiz Cantor

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** District 2

**SUBJECT:**

Contract Award: Alamodome Arena Public Address System

**SUMMARY:**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsive bid and awarding a construction contract to L-D Systems, L.P. in the amount of \$1,856,496.86 for the Alamodome Arena Public Address system. project, to include additive alternative bid items and appropriating an additional \$365,850.00 from Unissued Self Supporting Certificates of Obligation for a total project budget of \$2,175,00.00 Funds in the amount of \$1,856,496.86 are available from Unissued Self Supporting Certificates of Obligation and are included in the Proposed FY 2025 - FY 2030 Capital Improvement Program.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

This project will replace the existing Arena Public Address (P.A.) system originally installed in 2004 at the Alamodome. The project was advertised on July 17, 2024, for construction bids in the San Antonio Hart Beat, City's website, Texas Electronic State Business Daily, TVSA and through electronic bidding website CivCast. Bids were opened on August 9, 2024, and two (2) bids were received. Of these, the lowest bidder was deemed nonresponsive due to not meeting the minimum requirements of the project thereby making L-D Systems, L.P. the lowest responsive bidder as

indicated in the attached bid summary.

This contract is within the scope of the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Program. However, due to lack of available firms and/or subcontracting opportunities, the Goal Setting Committee was unable to apply a SBEDA tool to this contract.

This construction contract was developed utilizing the low qualified bid process; therefore, a Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.

This vendor has acknowledged to comply with the Heat Illness Prevention Ordinance, approved on August 31, 2023, through Ordinance #2023-08-31-0585.

### **ISSUE:**

This project will replace the existing Arena PA system including enhancing the stadium sound by adding speakers to the corners of the facility and augmenting the existing full stadium system to provide full audio coverage. The new mobile P.A. system will be used primarily in the north arena configuration for such events as basketball, boxing and concerts. The flexibility of the new mobile system will allow for multiple configurations including high school and college graduations.

Upgrades are anticipated to begin in the fall of 2024 and estimated to be completed by January 2025. Construction activities will be coordinated with the Convention & Sports Facilities Department to ensure the Alamodome remains open and operational during construction.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

As an alternative, City Council could require staff to re-solicit this project; however, considering the additional time required for another solicitation process, this would adversely affect the timely completion of the project. Due to the importance of this equipment, not replacing nor modernizing components presents a significant hazard to unit reliability and operation.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsive bid and awarding a construction contract to L-D Systems, L.P. in the amount of \$1,856,496.86 for the Alamodome Arena P.A. project, to include additive alternative bid items, located in Council District 2; and appropriating an additional \$365,850.00 from Unissued Self Supporting Certificates of Obligation for a total project budget of \$2,175,000.00 Funds in the amount of \$1,856,496.86 are available from Unissued Self Supporting Certificates of Obligation and are included in the Proposed FY 2025 - FY 2030 Capital Improvement Program.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance accepting the lowest responsive bid and awarding a construction contract to L-D Systems, L.P. in the amount of \$1,856,496.86 for the Alamodome Arena P.A. project.