

Equal Opportunity Review Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday October 24, 2018

12:00 PM

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

Professional Development Center Conference Center

Heinz 57 Center

339 Sixth Avenue, Suite 760

Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222

Commissioners in Attendance: James Myers, Karen Hall, Erin Conley, Gonzalo Manchego
Call-ins: Jennie Sweet-Cushman, Tracey McCants-Lewis, Justin Laing, Demeshia Seals
Staff in Attendance: Chuck, Durham, Valerie McDonald-Roberts, Emily Pontarelli, Ricardo Williams

I.Introduction

II.New Plans

1810-02- Finance, Three Taxing Bodies Property Maintenance (City Source)

Jennifer Olzinger, Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Connie Lee Walsh and Aaron Pickett, Finance Department, present the plan for Three Taxing Bodies Property Maintenance. Anne Henningson, is the subcontractor representing City Source. Anne noted that the subcontractors include a MBE who is providing their employment package (medical, dental, life insurance), an MBE providing workers compensation, a MBE who supplies their copier which is used for their weekly and monthly reports for this contract, and a WBE providing auditing services.

Hall makes a motion to approve. Myers seconds.

PLAN IS APPROVED

1810-03- Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, Mon-Oakland Mobility Corridor (Michael Baker International)

Justin Miller, Department of Mobility and Infrastructure and representatives from Michael Baker International present the Mon-Oakland Mobility Corridor MWBE plan. Michael Baker explains that they have past relationships with these subcontractors and did not have difficulty in reaching the goals.

Conley makes a motion to approve. Hall seconds.

PLAN IS APPROVED

1810-01- Office of Management and Budget, Fleet Telematics and Route Optimization (Quetica)

Chief Valerie McDonald-Roberts explains that this contract was reviewed in detail. The problem is that this contract was already approved by City Council yesterday with a final vote. The EORC did not receive this information until after the vote and there was no request for a waiver from City of Pittsburgh staff. Because we have not been in the loop, Chief McDonald-Roberts recommends that the EORC commission does not review this contract, since it has already been approved by City Council and procedure was not followed. Chief McDonald-Roberts notes that it is no fault of the vendor regarding MWBE participation because the scope was changed. The vendor made a good faith effort to include MWBE firms.

Jennifer Olzinger, Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget informed the commission that she would provide a summary of the timeline for this contract and why it needed to be expedited.

PLAN WAS NOT VOTED ON

1810-04- Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, Strip District Mobility Network and Parking Management Plan (Stantec Consulting Services)

Angela Martinez and Justin Miller, Department of Mobility and Infrastructure and representatives from Stantec present the MWBE plan for the Strip District Mobility Network.

Manchego starts the conversation asking why the MBE goals have not been met and refers to checkbox number three in the good faith effort checklist which asks if the vendor “identified and designated economically feasible portions of the work to be performed by M/WBEs.” Martinez explains that she went back to look through all of the proposals they received to see where those firms were able to get participation. Based on this, Martinez thinks about 25% of the contract could have been carved out for MWBE firms. A representative from Stantec states that due to the tight timeline while also trying to meet the needs of each task that was outlined for MWBE firms, they were unable to find vendors that met this scope.

Conley makes a motion to approve. Gonzalo seconds. Motion did not carry. Vote was taken to not approve contract as presented. Vote was five to two to not approve.

PLAN WAS NOT APPROVED

III. Resubmission

1809-03-Public Safety (DELTAWRX)

A representative from DELTAWRX presents their MWBE plan and mentions that they have increased MBE participation from 0% to 6.11%. They consulted with their WBE partner who recommended EIM Services (MBE) who seemed to be a good fit.

Manchego makes a motion to approve. McCants-Lewis seconds.

PLAN IS APPROVED

IV.Chairman's Remark's

Laing asks commissioners if they support a public meeting with Rashad Birdsong and MWBE firms to listen about what MWBE firms have to say about doing work in the City. An email vote is proposed so that all commissioners can weigh in on this.

V. Managers Minute

Williams notes that EORC will be joining the URA and Housing Authority to discuss procurement opportunities for the new space, 420 Boulevard of the Allies.

The next EORC meetings will be at 200 Ross Street, 1st floor conference room on November 28th and December 19th.

II. Adjournment