



RESOLUTION 2024-02-28 (2)

Date: February 28, 2024

To: THA Board of Commissioners

From: April Black
Executive Director

Re: Approval to Executive a New Unarmed Security Contract – Seattle’s Finest

This resolution would authorize Tacoma Housing Authority’s (THA) Executive Director to negotiate and, if those negotiations are successful, to award a contract to Seattle’s Finest for unarmed security services at THA’s housing developments in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

BACKGROUND

On September 27, 2023, the Board Authorized THA’s Executive Director to negotiate a contract with a new vendor for unarmed security services (Resolution: 2023-09-27 (4)).

- On July 18, 2023, THA released an RFP soliciting unarmed security services.
- THA received seven (7) proposals by the August 9, 2024, deadline.
- Three (3) firms were selected for interviews in August. These firms included Pacific Security, Safe and Sound Security and Seattle’s Finest.
- Two (2) firms were selected for final interviews in September. These firms included Pacific Security and Seattle’s Finest.
- A final decision was made in October to execute a contract with Pacific Security.

The selected vendor is not currently meeting THA’s needs, and staff are working to address the concerns. If THA’s concerns cannot be resolved, THA seeks to be prepared to terminate its contract with Pacific Security and to contract with another provider. THA may seek to negotiate a contract with the next proposer in turn as reflected in the RFP evaluation process. The next proposer is Seattle’s Finest.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 2024-02-28 (2) authorizing THA's Executive Director to negotiate, and if those negotiations are successful to award a contract to Seattle's Finest for unarmed security services at THA's housing developments in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. If those negotiations are not successful, the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and, if those negotiations are successful, to award a contract to the next proposer in turn as reflected in the RFP evaluation process.



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(Approval to Execute a New Unarmed Security Contract – Seattle’s Finest)

A **RESOLUTION** of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma

WHEREAS, Tacoma Housing Authority issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for unarmed security services on July 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, THA received and scored seven (7) proposals; and

WHEREAS, The top 3 proposers were interviewed in person; and

WHEREAS, The top proposers were interviewed virtually; and

WHEREAS, After the final interview process, Pacific Security was the overall top scoring responsive proposer and THA contracted for their services; and

WHEREAS, After onboarding the vendor, Pacific Security is not meeting the unarmed security needs of the agency;

WHEREAS, THA may terminate its contract and may reach out to the next proposer in turn as reflected in the RFP evaluation process; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma, Washington as follows:

Tacoma Housing Authority’s (THA) Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and, if those negotiations are successful, to award a contract to Seattle’s Finest for unarmed security services at THA’s housing developments in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. If those negotiations are not successful, the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and, if those negotiations are successful, to award a contract to the next proposer in turn as reflected in the RFP evaluation process.

Approved: February 28, 2024


Dr. Minh-Anh Hodge, Chair