City of Austin

# Financial Services Department Central Procurement

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## CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PROGRAM

#### **ABOUT:**

Under Administrative Rule No. R161-13.37, effective January 31, 2014, the City of Austin adopted procedures to:

- Administer a city-wide vendor performance evaluation program and
- Gather and maintain vendors' performance assessments to establish a historical record for use in future solicitations and subsequent contract award decisions.

The City's Consultant/Contractor Performance Evaluation (CPE) Program defines a uniform method to evaluate, report, and track the performance of Consultants and Contractors on City projects.

#### THE PROGRAM:

Central Procurement manages the City's performance evaluation program for construction-related Professional Services Consultants and Contractors. The Consultant/Contractor staff, subcontractors, suppliers, and anyone associated with the contract and project for whom the Prime Consultant or Contractor is responsible will be part of the evaluation.

### Process summary:

- 1. The City Project Manager overseeing the Capital Improvement Project acquires relevant input from the project team, completes the performance evaluation, and submits the evaluation to Central Procurement.
- 2. Central Procurement reviews the evaluation, approves it, and sends a copy of the evaluation to the Consultant/Contractor. Within ten (10) business days of receipt, the Consultant/Contractor may request an in-person or virtual review/rebuttal. If issues remain unresolved, a subsequent Appeal Hearing may be requested within ten (10) days of the response from the rebuttal decision. Appeal process details can be found in Administrative Rule R161-13.37.
- 3. Evaluations for work performed during the past five (5) years are taken into consideration in the award of future City contracts.

Consultants/Contractors will be evaluated utilizing the specific service and quality levels outlined in their contract.

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