



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Pamela Whitmore
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, January 14, 2025
Category:	OPENING ITEMS
Type:	INFO
Subject:	City Attorney Presentation on Competitive Bidding
Background Information:	<p>City Attorney Whitmore will be on-site to give a presentation on competitive bidding law.</p> <p>The uniform municipal contracting law (competitive bidding law) requires cities to use the competitive bidding process for certain contracts estimated to exceed a dollar threshold. Typically, this involves the solicitation of sealed bids and the award of the contract to the “lowest responsible bidder.” The law makes no distinction based on the funds from which payments will be made.</p> <p>The competitive bidding law serves three general purposes. First, it is intended to ensure city taxpayers receive the benefit of the lowest obtainable price from a responsible contractor. Second, competitive bidding provides contractors a level playing field on which to compete for city contracts. Third, it limits the discretion of contract-making officials in situations that are susceptible to fraud, favoritism, or other similar abuses.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	
Alternative/ Variations:	
Recommendations:	