



# City Council Report

**Date:** September 9, 2024  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Michael Kennington, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer  
**From:** Edward Quedens, Business Services Director  
Kristy Garcia, Procurement Administrator  
**Subject:** Fabrication and Installation Services for the i.d.e.a Museum Lab Exhibit for the Arts and Culture Department **(Funded by i.d.e.a. Museum Foundation Grant) (Sole Source)**

## Recommendation

Council is requested to approve the award as recommended.

The Arts and Culture Department and Procurement Services recommend awarding the contract to the sole source vendor, Aardvark Studios, LLC. at \$822,000, based on estimated requirements.

## Background / Discussion

The i.d.e.a Museum is dedicated to fostering early learning, nurturing creative thinking, and engaging families in the City. The museum offers hands-on activities and art exhibitions for children of all ages to inspire art, creativity, and imagination.

This contract is for Phase II of the project with Aardvark Studios for the fabrication, installation, and warranty/support services for the new i.d.e.a. lab. The initial phase was for the design and engineering of the exhibit. Aardvark Studios was originally selected through a competitive process led by the i.d.e.a. Museum as a professional service. The vendor was selected for their specialized expertise in creating unique, arts-based experiences for children's museums, with pieces that are custom-designed and fabricated.

## Purchase Information

Action: Award  
Procurement Type: Sole Source  
Contract Number: 2025033  
Local Consideration: Policy did not apply to this procurement method  
Protests Received: None  
Funding Source: Grant funded through the i.d.e.a. Museum Foundation