

Thursday, May 17, 2007

Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 14

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with TURNKEY ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC, (MBE), Austin, TX, for the Old Austin Recreation Center Demolition Project in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Financial Administration Services Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Lowest compliant bid of four bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievement of Good Faith Efforts with 62.44% MBE and 1.64% WBE subcontractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Historic Landmark Commission and the Parks and Recreation Board.

The Old Austin Recreation Center was built in 1924 by Mr. William Thomas (W.T.) Caswell Sr. It was called the Austin Athletic Center and it provided Austin residents with a gymnasium and tennis courts and was used by the public until 1986. Currently, the facility is boarded up due to deteriorating conditions of walls, floors, doors, windows, and roof. Approximately 80% of lead containing paint on the exterior of the building is significantly damaged.

The purpose of this project is to demolish the entire building. The hazardous materials like lead and asbestos will be abated prior to demolition. An allowance of \$55,000 is included for removal of hazardous and special waste, landscaping and signs. The building is full of mold since it has not been fully protected from the elements for over 20 years. This project will clear up this land for future use.

The contract allows 60 calendar days for completion of the project.