Thursday, June 7, 2007

Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 34

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with WISS, JANNEY, ELSTNER (WJE) ASSOCIATES (formerly EDIS OLIVER), Austin, TX, for the Roofing and Waterproofing Rotation List 2004-2007 in the amount of \$321,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,321,000, for the participating eight firms. This amendment is for the completion of all current projects with WJE.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budgets of the various departments for which services are needed.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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MBE/WBE: This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for the original contract or this Amendment.

Prior Council Action: 05/13/04 –Roofing and Waterproofing Rotation List.

On May 13, 2004, nine firms were selected for the 2004-2007 Roofing and Waterproofing Rotation List, with a total authorization in the amount of \$1,000,000. The authorization was intended to provide professional roofing and waterproofing services necessary for the City of Austin to achieve its facility construction and improvement objectives. Subsequently, one of the nine firms opted out of the contract, leaving a total of eight firms remaining under this contract.

Since the Professional Service Agreements were executed in 2004, the total contracted amount for the firm of WJE Associates will exceed the estimated per-firm expenditure. This is due to the varying sizes and scopes of project assignments, as well as emergency projects with accelerated schedules. The result is that the remaining authorization available is not sufficient for WJE to complete the executed assignments without taking authorization away from the other firms on the rotation list.

With this \$321,000 increase in authorization, it is anticipated that WJE will be able to complete their current assignments, including the Convention Center Roof Replacement Project at 500 East Cesar Chavez Street and the Moisture Infiltration Repairs Project at 4411-A Meinardus Drive, Austin, TX. Work has already begun on these assignments. Without the additional authorization, the available authority for the other firms will need to be reduced in order for WJE and Associates to complete the assigned projects. The current 2004-2007 Rotation List will provide for potential project needs until late 2007, at which time a new rotation list will be implemented.