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CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO 2
AGENDA DATE 6/7/07
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SUBJECT Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with LJA ENGINEERING & SURVEYING INC Austin TX for professional engineering services for the Colony Park Subdivision and Site Plan Design in an amount not to exceed \$500 000

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006 2007 budget of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation

FISCAL NOTE (Use One There is no unanticipated fiscal impact A fiscal note is not required A fiscal note is attached N/A)

REQUESTING
DEPARTMENT Public Works for the
Austin Housing Finance Corporation

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION _____

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PRIOR BOARD ACTION N/A

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION N/A

The proposed Colony Park subdivision is located on approximately 200 acres of land near the intersection of Loyola Lane and Decker Lane. The development is an initiative to increase affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate income families. This site will also be the location of the new Austin Independent School District Overton Elementary that includes a joint recreational facility with the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department. The elementary school is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2007.

The purpose of this solicitation is to obtain the services of a firm qualified and experienced in civil engineering land planning commercial/mixed use residential single family and multi family land development in the City of Austin to provide site analysis evaluation and feasibility studies for the site. The scope of services may also include the preparation of complete City of Austin site development permit submittals street and drainage design specifications storm water quality compliance plans street and drainage design and specifications utility design and specifications construction documents bid documents possible subdivision construction service.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with the recommended firm. Should the City be unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected firm, negotiations will cease with that firm. Staff will then return to the AHFC Board and request authorization to begin negotiations with the alternate firm.

Notification of issuance of a Request for a Statement of Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to three hundred and six (306) firms on March 8, 2007. The RFQ was obtained by fifty five (55) firms, and nine (9) firms submitted statements of qualifications. One (1) of the firms was certified as M/WBE.

Participation goals stated in the solicitation were 16.5% Minority Owned Business Enterprise (MBE) and 14.2% Women Owned Business Enterprise (WBE). The recommended firm provided an M/WBE Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and was approved by the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources. The alternate firm also provided an M/WBE Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and was approved by the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources.

Two (2) of the nine (9) submittals were found Non Compliant and one (1) was found Non Responsive. Evaluation of the remainder six (6) submittals results in the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDED FIRM LJA Engineering & Surveying, Inc – Total Participation

NON M/WBE TOTAL – PRIME	66.5%
LJA Engineering & Surveying Inc Austin TX	66.5%
MBE TOTAL – SUBCONTRACTORS	17.0%
African American Subtotal	3.0%
HVJ Associates (Geotechnical Engineering)	3.0%
Hispanic Subtotal	14.0%
Zamora Warrick & Assoc Inc (Land Surveying)	14.0%
WBE TOTAL – SUBCONTRACTORS	14.5%
Chaparral Professional Land Surveying (Land Surveying)	2.5%
Verdi (Land Planning Landscape Architecture)	10.0%
Horizon Environmental Services Inc (Environmental Site Assessment)	2.0%
NON M/WBE TOTAL – SUBCONTRACTORS	2.0%
Alliance Transportation Group Inc (Transportation Consulting)	2.0%

ALTERNATE FIRM Malone/Wheeler, Inc – Total Participation

NON M/WBE TOTAL – PRIME		61%
Malone/Wheeler Inc Austin TX	61%	
MBE TOTAL – SUBCONTRACTORS		20%
Hispanic Subtotal		20%
Garcia Design Inc (Land Development and Planning Landscape Consulting Site Assessment)	20%	
WBE TOTAL – SUBCONTRACTORS		15%
McGray & McGray Land Surveyors Inc (Land Surveying)	15%	
NON M/WBE TOTAL – SUBCONTRACTORS		4%
Raba Kitsner Consultants Inc (Geotechnical)	1%	
SRI and Associates (Landscape Consulting Irrigation Systems)	1%	
SWCA Environmental Consultants (Environmental Site Assessment)	1%	
Alliance Transportation Group Inc (Transportation Consulting)	1%	