Thursday, July 26, 2007

Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 34

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with OSCAR RENDA CONTRACTING, INC., Roanoke, TX, for the Austin Clean Water Program: Govalle 1: Newton Street Area Wastewater Improvements Project in the amount of \$4,167,098 plus a \$208,355 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,375,453.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$4,375,453 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Lower of two 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 achievements of Good Faith Efforts of 15.52% MBE and 8.40% WBE subcontractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

This construction contract will provide new wastewater lines adjacent to East Bouldin Creek from West Elizabeth Street to West Johanna Street east of South First Street.

The improvements will replace aging and deteriorated wastewater facilities and eliminate the repeat wastewater overflows currently occurring in this area. This project is part of the Austin Water Utility's Austin Clean Water Program (ACWP), which was developed to respond to the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency's Administrative Order regarding Sanitary Sewer Overflows.

This project includes construction of approximately 1,395 linear feet of 18-inch wastewater line, 976 linear feet of 15-inch wastewater line, 1,173 linear feet of 8-inch wastewater line, 13 linear feet of 6-inch wastewater line, 25 manholes, and appurtenances. Also included is removal of two aerial wastewater line creek crossings, and removal or abandonment of 18 manholes and associated wastewater line. There are 73 service connections on this line. The scope includes 56 linear feet of 6-inch water line.

The work is scheduled to begin September 2007 and the contract allows 365 working days for completion of this project.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts when working in the right-ofway, a 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders.