Thursday, July 26, 2007

## Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 39

**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with R. W. BECK, INC., Austin, TX, for engineering services for permitting and design of the Single Stream Recycling Facility Complex in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.

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

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Steve Nelson 974-7145, Ron Gentry 974-7133, Laura Bohl 974-7064.

Purchasing Language: Best qualification statement of one responsive statement received.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 16.5% MBE and 14.2% WBE subconsultant participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Solid Waste Advisory Commission.

The Solid Waste Services Department currently operates a dual-stream recycling collection and recovery system that has been in operation since 1999. The Materials Recovery Facility accepts two streams of separated recyclables (fibers and containers), processes the materials into sellable commodities, and markets the materials. The City has determined the need to replace the dual-stream system with a single-stream system and new processing facility to be located at its FM 812 Landfill Facility. The City also has need for an office facility, a vehicle service and maintenance facility, a vehicle wash facility, a cart maintenance facility, and fuel islands, with associated utilities, parking, and circulation.

The selected consultant will analyze the needs for each facility in the complex, prepare a site plan for locations of buildings, parking and circulation, and infrastructure, determine the need for and obtain Federal, County, and City permits, prepare designs and bid documents for the various facilities, provide assistance with bid and award of the construction contracts, and oversee construction of all facilities.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with the recommended firm. There is no alternate recommendation.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to 285 firms May 11, 2007. The RFQ was obtained by 36 firms, and two firms submitted qualification statements, one of which was determined not to be in compliance with the City's M/WBE ordinance. The remaining firm is not a certified M/WBE firm. Review of the submitted documents results in the following recommendation.