Thursday, July 26, 2007

Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 36

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with AARON CONCRETE CONTRACTORS, LP, (MBE/MH 83.30%) Austin, TX, for the Downtown Alleys Reconstruction Fiscal Year 2007 Project in the amount of \$463,265 plus a \$23,163.25 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$486,428.25.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$216,765 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department; funding in the amount of \$220,838.25 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department; and Funding in the amount of \$48,825 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: Lowest of three 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) by meeting the goals with 0.00% MBE and 14.99% WBE subcontractor participation.

Work for this project consists of the reconstruction of three existing alleys in concrete located:

- * between 5th and 6th Streets, east of Brazos Street and west of San Jacinto Street
- * between 5th and 6th Streets, east of Trinity and west of Neches Street
- * between 7th and 8th Streets, east of Lavaca Street and west of Colorado Street.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts when working in the right-of-way, a 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any future change orders. The contract allows 120 calendar days for completion of this project.

The scope of this project includes adjusting 26 water meters, 19 water valve boxes to grade, and four 4 feet wastewater minor manholes so that they are flushed to the newly poured concrete.