

## AGENDA



Thursday, August 23, 2007

**Public Works****Item No. 17****RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with KENNEDY/JENKS CONSULTANTS, INC., Austin, TX, for engineering services for the Operation and Maintenance Management System (OMMS) for Wastewater Treatment and Biosolids Management Plants Project, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Raj Bhattarai 972-0075, Rosie Truelove 974-3064, Laura Bohl 974-7064.

**Purchasing Language:** Best qualification statement of seven statements 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). Due to the limited subcontracting opportunities, no MBE/WBE participation goals were established for this solicitation.

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

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The Austin Water Utility plans to improve the operational efficiency associated with the daily operation and maintenance of its two largest wastewater treatment plants (Walnut Creek and South Austin Regional) and its central biosolids management plant (Hornsby Bend). The Utility's primary objective is to successfully implement by June 2009 an operation and maintenance management system (OMMS) that will allow its operators, supervisors, managers and engineers to improve and efficiently manage the treatment processes and the related mechanical system and appurtenances. This system will not only enhance the operation of treatment plants but also ensure quick response by Utility staff, improve compliance with federal, state and local environmental regulations, and minimize environmental risks at the treatment plants. The OMMS shall include appropriate operation and maintenance information, including descriptions and procedures, to a level of detail that enables the three plants to be operated and maintained effectively and efficiently.

This authorization provides for funding of services related to the development and deployment of the Operations and Maintenance Management System, including training. Staff does not anticipate returning to Council for additional funding to the selected firm.

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 recommended firm, negotiations will cease with that firm. Staff will then return to Council and request authorization to begin negotiations with the alternate recommendation listed below.

Due to the limited subcontracting opportunities on this project, no M/WBE participation goals were established by the Department of Small and Minority Business resources for this project. Even though no

goals have been established for this solicitation, the respondents are required to comply with the City's M/WBE Procurement program, if areas of subcontracting are identified.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to 287 firms March 6, 2007. The RFQ was obtained by 30 firms, and seven firms submitted qualification statements. None of the firms submitting qualification statements were certified M/WBE firms. Evaluation of the seven submittals results in the attached recommendation.