

AGENDA



Thursday, October 11, 2007

**Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 21**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with EXCEL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC., Austin, TX, for the Montopolis Site and Odor Control Improvements and Lift Station Demolition Project in the amount of \$1,233,765 plus a \$61,688.25 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,295,453.25.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Gary Jackson, 974-7115, Randy Pohren, P.E., 972-0223, Laura Bohl 974-7064.

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 with 9.29% MBE and 0.38% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

The Govalle Wastewater Tunnel was placed into service in 1988. The tunnel conveys wastewater generated in central Austin and the downtown area to the South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (SAR WWTP). The tunnel is an approximately 8-mile long, 96-inch internal diameter, cast-in-place concrete tunnel installed at an average depth of 100 feet. The tunnel is equipped with five access sites with connecting laterals.

The Govalle Tunnel System manned inspection identified rehabilitation needs. The first rehabilitation and improvements project will take place at the Montopolis Site.

This project includes odor control improvements at the Montopolis Site as well as the Montopolis Lift Station demolition. The project has been coordinated with the Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Park project and will restore an old lift station site to park property. It will also install the odor filtration equipment and landscaping to improve the site in the park.

The work shall include furnishing all tools, labor, materials, equipment, and miscellaneous items necessary for the complete construction of a bio-filtration odor control unit with water service line, pad, enclosure, site fencing and driveway; demolition of the Montopolis Lift Station, including disposal of wastewater solids in the lift station system; and installation of a new flow meter. The work shall also include installation of new permanent power service to the site for operation of the proposed odor control unit.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions, a 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any future change orders. The contract allows 250 calendar days for completion of this project.