Thursday, October 11, 2007

Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 23

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following seven firms: WISS, JANNEY, ELSTNER ASSOCIATES, INC., Austin, TX; AMETECH ROOFING CONSULTANTS, INC., Austin, TX; ASD CONSULTANTS, INC., (MBE/MB), Austin, TX; MENDOZA ARCHITECTURE, INC., (MBE/MH), Spicewood, TX; FUGRO CONSULTANTS, INC., Austin, TX; RABA KISTNER CONSULTANTS, INC., Austin, TX; BAER ENGINEERING and ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING, INC., (WBE/FR), Austin, TX for roofing and waterproofing consultant services for a period of approximately four years or until financial authorization is expended, in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000 or with a total aggregate amount of the seven agreements not to exceed \$1,600,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budgets and/or Operating Budgets of the various departments for which the services are needed.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Etuk Inyang 974-7206, Rosie Truelove 974-3064, Laura Bohl 974-7064.

Purchasing Language: Best qualification statement of 10 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. No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

In May 2004, City Council approved the selection of seven consultant firms to provide roofing and waterproofing services to various departments through the Public Works Department Project Management Division. This recommended action will replace the existing rotation list that has exhausted its authorization and provide for the continuing roofing and waterproofing requirements of the Public Works Department and other departments as required.

The selected consultants will provide evaluation, design, production, bidding and construction administration of projects addressing roofing and/or waterproofing problems. The estimated total fees for this rotation list are approximately \$1,600,000.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the seven recommended firms for a period of four years or until contracting authority is exhausted. Each of the firms will be compensated under a standing contract for varying amounts depending on a rotation job assignment. It is intended that the value of the work assigned to each of the seven selected consultants be approximately as follows varying with the amount of work needed for each job assignment:

- * Tier #1: Three Firms at \$350,000 each (\$1,050,000)
- * Tier #2: Two Firms at \$175,000 each (\$350,000)
- * Tier #3: Two Firms at \$100,000 each (\$200,000)

Should the City be unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with any one of the recommended firms, negotiations will cease with that firm and the funding will be distributed equitably among the remaining recommended firms.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to 51 firms June 11, 2007. The RFQ was obtained by 21 firms, and 10 firms submitted qualification statements. Three of the firms were certified M/WBE firms. Evaluation of the submittals of the 10 firms results in the following recommendations.

Due to the limited subcontracting opportunities on these projects, no MBE/WBE participation goals were established by the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources. However, the recommended firms are committed to utilizing certified MBE/WBE firms should the opportunity exist in the project assignments.

RECOMMENDED FIRM:

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