

AGENDA



Thursday, November 8, 2007

**Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 48**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following six firms (6): URS CORPORATION, Austin, TX, WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC., Austin, TX, SHAW ENVIRONMENTAL & INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. Austin, TX, BAER ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING, INC. (WBE/FR), Austin, TX, TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC., Austin, TX, and GEOMATRIX CONSULTANTS, INC., Austin, TX for environmental consulting services for a period of two years or until financial authorization is expended, each agreement in an amount not to exceed \$2,400,000, with a total amount of the six agreements not to exceed \$2,400,000.

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

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

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

Purchasing Language: Best six qualification statements of 20 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) by meeting the goals with 16.5% MBE and 14.2% WBE subconsultant participation.

On September 5, 2003, six consulting firms were selected for the Environmental Services Rotation List 2003-2005. The total authorization amount at that time was \$2,400,000. This Environmental Services Rotation List 2008-2010 replaces the existing rotation list for 2003-2005, which is about to exhaust its authorization.

This request includes consultation and professional services to address known and unknown existing environmental concerns at City facilities and properties in which the City has an interest, and any future environmental concerns that may arise on City-funded projects. The selected firms will provide all environmental services related to studies, sampling, testing, analyses, recommendations, designs, regulatory review and/or construction management for projects that may include, but are not limited to: environmental assessments; petroleum storage tank issues; storm water pollution prevention plans; spill response plans; spill prevention and countermeasures plans; site remediation; indoor and outdoor air quality monitoring; soil monitoring; surface water monitoring; groundwater monitoring; hazardous and non-hazardous waste analysis, transport, and/or disposal; Edwards Aquifer assessments; National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) cultural and natural resource investigations; health and safety assessments or plans; or environmental permit requirements, including those for landfills.

This authorization provides for funding of environmental services for approximately \$400,000 for each of the six firms for a total amount not to exceed \$2,400,000. The period of service is estimated to be two years or until financial authorization is expended.

This request allows for the development of a professional service agreement with each of the six recommended firms. This rotation list will allow assignment of projects based on the firms' availability or

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

Participation goals stated in the solicitation were 16.5% MBE and 14.2% WBE. The recommended firms all provided a M/WBE Compliance Plans which were approved by the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to 174 firms July 25, 2007. The RFQ was obtained by 71 firms, and 20 firms submitted qualification statements. Three of the firms were certified MBE/WBE firms. The evaluations of the submittals of the 19 results in the attached recommendation.