Thursday, December 6, 2007

## Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 31

**Subject:** Authorize execution of a construction contract with BENITEZ CONSTRUCTION, INC. (MBE/MH 79.19%), Manor, TX, for the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Redevelopment South Wastewater Improvements (Service Extension Request #2281) in the amount of \$864,842.90 plus a \$43,242.15 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$908,085.05.

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

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Phil Salyers 974-7144, Lisa Whitworth 974-5615, Yvonne Gil 972-0224, Robin Field 974-7064.

Purchasing Language: Lowest of four 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 3.58% MBE and 3.47% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

This project provides gravity wastewater service to the southern portion of the Mueller redevelopment Section V. There will be approximately 641 LUE's (living unit equivalents) contributing to the existing wastewater collection system as stated in the Master Development Agreement between the City of Austin and Catellus Development Corporation. Approximately 2,000 linear feet of 15-inch wastewater main will be designed and constructed from the existing 12-inch gravity wastewater line at East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard/FM 969 and Pershing Drive, north along Pershing Drive to Palo Pinto Drive, north along Palo Pinto Drive to Manor Road and northwest along Anchor Lane to the proposed connection main inside the Mueller property.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts when working near the critical water quality zone, a 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any future change orders. The contract allows 180 calendar days for completion of this project. The Engineer's Estimate for the project was \$997,550.00.