

AGENDA



Thursday, December 6, 2007

**Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 36**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with MWM DESIGNGROUP, INC. (MBE-MH), Austin TX; LARSON, BURNS AND SMITH, INC., Austin, TX; and CLAUNCH AND MILLER, INC., Austin, TX for architectural and engineering services for parks renovations and improvements for a period of three years or until financial authorization is expended, each agreement in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 with a total amount for the three agreements not to exceed \$1,500,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Robert Brennes 974-6722, Ron Gentry 974-7133, Robin Field 974-7064.

Purchasing Language: Best three (3) qualification statements of twenty-five (25) 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.

In November 2006, the citizens of Austin approved bond funding for construction of new facilities and remodeling of existing facilities in various City parks. This request is to authorize a rotational list contact with three consultant firms that will provide for analysis of existing facility needs, design of new small facilities and renovation of existing facilities, acquisition of permits, coordination with the Art in Public Places Program, and construction administration and warranty services.

The facilities to be renovated or enhanced include, but are not limited to, hike and bike trails, recreation and senior centers, playscapes, tennis courts and pro shops. This Parks Renovations and Improvements Rotation List will provide design and construction administration services for the facility improvements.

The authorization provides for funding of parks renovation and improvement services for approximately \$500,000 for each of the three firms for a total not to exceed \$1,500,000. The period of service is estimated to be three years or until financial authorization is expended.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the three recommended firms. The rotation list will allow assignment of projects based on the firms' availability of resources and experience. 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.