Thursday, January 10, 2008

Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 31

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with URS Corporation, Austin TX, for engineering services for the design, bid/award, construction, and post construction phases for the Upper Boggy Creek Integrated Watershed Management project in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Development Review Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Mike Kelly 974-6591, Rosie Truelove 974-3064, Robin Field 974-7064.

Purchasing Language: Best qualification statement of 3 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 1.7% African-American, 9.5% Hispanic, 5.3% Native/Asian American for MBE and 14.2% WBE sub consultant participation.

The Upper Boggy Creek Integrated Watershed Management Project extends from Airport Blvd. to Rosewood Park near the Conley-Guerrero Center. It will focus on three stream reaches that are adjacent to each other. The integrated approach addresses all three missions of the Watershed Protection Development Review Department (WPDR), erosion control, flood control and water quality management. The reach from Cherrywood to 38 1/2 Street is primarily a stream restoration and storm water treatment retrofit project. The reach from 38 1/2 Street to Rosewood Drive is primarily flood hazard reduction and stream bank stabilization. The final reach, from Rosewood Avenue to the upstream terminus of the Corps of Engineers' concrete channel, focuses on stream restoration and storm water treatment retrofits. Upper Boggy Creek is a high priority 2006 Bond Project.

The selected firm will design the leading edge channel improvement projects in Boggy Creek. The selected firm will take the completed preliminary designs and develop into construction documents as well as oversee the implementation of the designs into the construction phase.

This request allows for the development of a professional service agreement with the recommended firm. Should the City be unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the recommended firm, negotiations will cease with that firm. Staff will then return to Council and request authorization to begin negotiations with the alternate recommendation listed below.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to 253 firms on August 28, 2007. The RFQ was obtained by 42 firms, and 3 submitted qualification statements. None of the firms were certified M/WBE firms. Evaluation of the qualification statements received results in the following recommendation.