

AGENDA



Thursday, January 31, 2008

Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 51

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with each of the following ten firms: MWM DESIGN GROUP (WBE/FH), AUSTIN, TX; RAYMOND CHAN AND ASSOCIATES (MBE/MA), AUSTIN, TX; HEJL LEE AND ASSOCIATES, INC. (MBE/MA), AUSTIN, TX; KURKJIAN ENGINEERING CORPORATION (WBE/FH), AUSTIN, TX; CAS CONSULTING AND SERVICES, INC. (MBE/MA), AUSTIN, TX; K FRIESE AND ASSOCIATES, INC. (WBE), AUSTIN, TX; LOC CONSULTANTS, LLP, AUSTIN, TX; I T GONZALEZ ENGINEERS (MBE/MH), AUSTIN, TX; HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC., AUSTIN, TX AND PBSANDJ, AUSTIN, TX for engineering design services for the Small Diameter Water and Wastewater Pipeline Replacement/Rehab Design Rotation List (2008-2011) for an estimated period of three years or until financial authorization is expended in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 with a total of ten agreements not to exceed \$3,500,000 to be distributed equally (\$350,000 per each ranked firm) among the ten firms.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Capital and/or Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility for which the services are needed.

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

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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 1.7% African American; 9.5% Hispanic; 5.3% Native/Asian American and 14.2% WBE subconsultant participation.

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

Portions of the Utility's older water distribution and wastewater collection system needs replacement and/or rehabilitation. As development has become denser, some of the pipelines do not have the capacity to provide adequate service to the Utility's customers.

Due to the anticipated focus of work in the central part of the city, utility locating and coordinating activities will be critical in the design process.

Ten professional engineering firms will provide engineering design services for these Small Diameter Water and Wastewater Pipeline Replacements until the contracting authority is exhausted. The selected consultants, after completion of a preliminary engineering report recommending improvements, will proceed with design of the replacement pipelines.

This authorization provides for funding of Small Diameter Water and Wastewater Pipeline Replacements for approximately \$350,000 for each of the ten firms for a total not to exceed \$3,500,000. 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 service agreement with the each of the ten 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.