

AGENDA



Thursday, February 28, 2008

Public Works

Item No. 32

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS GROUP, INC. San Antonio, Texas for engineering services required for repairs to the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport Parking Garage in a total contract amount not to exceed \$600,000.

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

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language: Single source acquisition.

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). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Airport Advisory Commission.

Prior Council Action: June 24, 2004: City Council authorized execution of a construction contract with GUERRERO-McDONALD AND ASSOCIATES, INC., Austin, TX, for ABIA Parking Structure repairs of the third level canopies,

September 30, 2004: City Council authorized negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY LABORATORIES, INC., Skokie, IL, for forensic engineering services for the structural evaluation of the ABIA parking garage,

April 27, 2006: City Council authorized negotiation and execution of supplemental amendment #2 to the professional services agreement with CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY LABORATORIES, INC., Skokie, IL, for engineering services and evaluation of the ABIA parking garage.

The Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) Parking Garage was constructed in 1998 in anticipation of the April 1999 opening of the airport. The concrete structure has three levels of parking and an area of 401,588 square feet. A pre-cast concrete structure with a series of single and double tees, the garage has been showing signs of excessive distress for the past several years. The City of Austin hired the law firm of Scott Douglass and McConnico of Austin, Texas, to investigate legal issues related to the condition of the garage. Scott Douglass, in turn, retained various expert consultants to assist it, including The Consulting Engineers Group, Inc.

The Aviation Department is requesting selection of The Consulting Engineers Group, Inc. of San Antonio, Texas, to perform the necessary engineering services required for repairs to the ABIA Parking Garage for a total contract amount not to exceed \$600,000. The Consulting Engineers Group, Inc., is the most qualified for this work because of their extensive experience with pre-cast concrete structures in general and their direct experience investigating and identifying solutions to the problems affecting the Airport Parking Garage related directly to the litigation investigation.

There was no solicitation process and no goals were set for DBE sub-consultant participation. Should there be a need to involve sub-consultants, good faith efforts will be made to seek DBE participation.