

AGENDA



Thursday, March 6, 2008

**Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 18**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with CAS CONSULTING AND SERVICES INC. (MBE/MA), Austin, TX, for engineering services for Airport at Chesterfield Wastewater Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$930,000.

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

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Best qualification statement of 24 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 19.3% MBE and 14.2% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

In the area generally located around Airport Boulevard and Chesterfield Drive, the wastewater collection system has hydraulic capacity concerns, sanitary sewer overflows and redevelopment pressure requiring additional capacity. This project will provide for the needed wastewater collection system improvements in this area.

The proposed project provides for improvements of approximately 12,820 linear feet of sanitary sewer replacement including approximately 4,320-feet of line along Airport Boulevard and northeast of the intersection of Airport Blvd and Huntland Dr, and approximately 8,500-feet from Airport Blvd to Chesterfield and along Chesterfield near Brentwood, continuing south through the streets and easements to 47th Street. The project is primarily located throughout residential streets and creeks. The project will consist of proposed pipe sizes ranging from 12-inch to 24-inch. The scope will also include creek restoration where needed. Modeling studies have determined the needed range of pipe sizes and slopes for the different sections.

This authorization provides for funding of preliminary, design, and construction phase engineering services in an estimated amount of \$930,000. The estimated project construction cost is \$6.19 million.

This request allows for the development of a professional services 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 259 firms on October 29, 2007. The RFQ was obtained by 52 firms and 24 firms submitted qualification

statements. Seven of the firms were certified M/WBE firms. Evaluation of the 24 firms results in the following recommendation:

Participation subgoals stated in the solicitation were 1.7% African American (MB); 9.5% Hispanic (MH); 5.3% Native American (MN) / Asian Americans (MA); 14.2% WBE. The recommended and alternate firms provided an M/WBE Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and were approved by the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources.