

AGENDA



Thursday, March 27, 2008

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 18**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with JACOBS CARTER BURGESS, INC., fka CARTER & BURGESS, INC., Austin, TX for planning, engineering design, construction administration and warranty period services for the Boardwalk at Lady Bird Lake project in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000.

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

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Robert Brennes 974-6722, Rosie Truelove 974-3064, Robin Field 974-7064

Purchasing Language: Best qualification statement of seven 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 17.10% MBE and 15.30% WBE subcontractor participation.

The Boardwalk at Lady Bird Lake will close an existing 1.1 mile gap in the existing trail system that currently redirects users to the Riverside Drive sidewalk that continues over I-35. The design will consist of a raised concrete trail over the lake with trail head entrances located at various key points to allow access to and from the boardwalk.

Execution of this professional services agreement will allow for all consultant services from design through construction. Construction will proceed after funding is identified.

Successful completion of the trail will eliminate the current undesirable, existing situation created by placing pedestrians and bicyclists on the roadway sidewalk and allow users to enjoy the beauty that Lady Bird Lake has to offer.

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 278 firms on October 18, 2007. The RFQ was obtained by 48 firms, and seven firms submitted qualification statements. None of the firms were certified M/WBE firms. Of the seven firms evaluated, three firms were short-listed and interviewed. Interviewing of the short-listed firms resulted in the following recommendation: