

AGENDA



Thursday, June 5, 2008

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 12

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of professional service agreements with the following 13 firms: ESPEY CONSULTANTS, INC., Austin, TX; MWM DESIGN GROUP (MBE/MH), Austin, TX; PBS&J, Austin, TX; RAYMOND CHAN & ASSOCIATES, INC. (MBE/MA), Austin, TX; DAVCAR ENGINEERING SERVICES, (MBE/MH) Austin, TX; K FRIESE & ASSOCIATES, INC., (WBE/FR) Austin, TX; OTHON, INC., Austin, TX; HEJL, LEE & ASSOCIATES, INC., (MBE/MA) Austin, TX; CARTER & BURGESS, INC., Austin, TX; BROWN & GAY ENGINEERS, INC., Austin, TX; DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING COMPANY-AUSTIN, LLC, Austin, TX; BLACK & VEATCH CORPORATION, Austin, TX; and KELLOGG BROWN & ROOT, Austin, TX to provide engineering services for the Water and Wastewater System Pipeline Engineering Rotation List for the Years 2008 through 2011 or until available funding authorization is expended, with a total of the 13 agreements in an amount not to exceed \$9,750,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital budget and/or Operating and Maintenance budgets of the Austin Water Utility.

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

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Purchasing Language: Best qualification statements of 48 statements 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. 16.5% MBE and 14.2% WBE subcontractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: No recommendation by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

The Austin Water Utility (Utility) has identified various water, wastewater, reuse system and other projects as part of the Utility's current Capital Improvements Program (CIP) in order to implement project's planning, expansion, rehabilitation, and project management. The Utility anticipates additional projects may be added as the current CIP.

The subject pipeline rotation list will provide planning, preliminary engineering, design, construction, project management, and other engineering services as necessary for all projects that are identified as part of the Austin Water Utility's Capital and O&M budgets.

Additionally, the City has retained the services of a Program Management Consultant (PMC) to assist in the management and coordination of the "South IH-35 Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement Program". This Program will address the anticipated needs for both water and wastewater infrastructure improvements within the Program's area, and has procured consulting engineering services for the preliminary engineering and program management of these improvements. The City's PMC will perform all preliminary engineering for that Program and will develop design scopes accordingly for the Program projects that will be designed by firms selected from this Pipeline Rotation List.

The City anticipates general types of projects including rehabilitation, addition, and replacement of pipelines to be accomplished under this rotation list. Projects may include: water transmission mains, reuse water mains, wastewater interceptors, and other pipelines. The selected firms will provide preliminary engineering, design, bidding, construction phase and warranty phase services. Assignments and individual project schedules are yet to be determined based on the proposed project schedules. South IH 35 Program projects will proceed on an accelerated schedule.

The City anticipates developing and executing a professional services agreement with each selected firm. Initial project assignments will be based on the firm's final ranking as determined during the RFQ evaluation (highest to lowest), the maximum cumulative contracted amount in comparison to the estimated task budget for that firm, and the firm's qualifications and availability of expertise at time of project need. The total dollar amount will not exceed \$9,750,000, with an estimated amount of \$750,000 for each firm. Actual amounts ultimately going to each firm may be higher or lower than the estimated amounts listed above due to variations in project scopes and magnitude.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the 13 recommended firms. Should the City be unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with any of the recommended firms; if a selected firm ceases to practice during the contract period; or if the City elects to terminate its agreement with any of the selected firms, the remaining assignments will be distributed among the remaining firms as equally as possible.

Participation subgoals stated in the solicitation were 1.7% African American, 9.5% Hispanic, 5.3% Asian American and 14.2% Women Business Enterprise (WBE). The recommended firms all provided MBE/WBE Compliance Plans, which were approved by the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources.