

## AGENDA



Wednesday, June 18, 2008

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

**Item No. 21**

**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with HDR ENGINEERING, INC., Pflugerville, TX to provide support services for the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department Flood Hazard Mitigation Program, for an initial term of five years, in the amount of \$8,000,000 with the option to extend for up to two additional terms of one year each for \$1,000,000 each additional year, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$8,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department for the Flood Hazard Mitigation Buyout Program. Funding for future fiscal years is subject to the approval of future capital budgets and Congressional approval of future U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) funding. This program will be funded by a combination of City and USACE funding.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

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**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program) and Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goal of 7.50% DBE subconsultant participation.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) completed a technical, environmental and economic feasibility study to evaluate flooding conditions and to identify flood hazard mitigation solutions in the Onion Creek watershed. This information is summarized in the Corps' Interim Feasibility and Integrated Environmental Assessment Report (Report). Several hundred homes in the watershed were flooded by severe storms in October 1998 and November 2001. The Report recommends the buyout of homes within the 25-year floodplain along with ecosystem restoration and recreational facilities development on the residual lands acquired in the Onion Creek watershed for the Onion Creek Forest/Yarrabee Bend area.

The Support Services Consultant will provide the necessary support services to assist the City to purchase approximately 275 properties in the Onion Creek Forest/Yarrabee Bend area. This will be referred to as the Flood Hazard Mitigation Buyout Program. The support services to be provided include, but are not limited to planning; accounting systems; audit and record keeping; finance and USACE coordination; quality control compliance and administration; public relation activities; archaeological; historical and environmental impact studies; remediation; lead based paint and asbestos testing and monitoring; hazardous waste removal; and assessments; environmental site assessments; appraisals; acquisitions; relocation assistance; surveying and land planning; program tracking and scheduling; property management and security services.

The Program will be funded with future Congressional funding appropriations for the property buyouts, park facility development and ecosystem restoration. City cost share funding for Program implementation was approved in the City's November 2006 Bond Election. The City and USACE will enter into a Project

Cooperation Agreement (PCA) specifying roles, responsibilities and terms for implementation of the Program.

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.

Participation DBE goal stated in the solicitation was 7.25%. The recommended and alternate firms provided a DBE Compliance Plan that met the goal of the solicitation and was approved by the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources.