

AGENDA



Thursday, September 25, 2008

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 20**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with URS CORPORATION, A NEVADA CORPORATION, Austin, TX for additional preliminary engineering and program management services for the South I.H. 35 Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Program in an amount not to exceed \$3,597,794 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,597,794.

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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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) with 23.97% MBE and 14.67% WBE subconsultant participation to date.

Boards and Commission Action: Reviewed by Water and Wastewater Commission.

Prior Council Action: November 08, 2007: Council authorized negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with URS Corporation, a Nevada Corporation.

The southern area of the City of Austin, specifically along and east of IH-35, is currently experiencing significant development. Utility infrastructure is not currently in place to handle the development being proposed. The Austin Water Utility has developed a service area plan to address the anticipated needs for both water and wastewater infrastructure improvements and the Utility has developed a long-range implementation schedule in order to complete these improvements.

The City of Austin is currently receiving requests for water and wastewater service from a variety of developers in the area and is proceeding in implementing these improvements as separate projects. This is proving difficult to accommodate within the long-range plan. The Austin Water Utility would like to develop and implement a comprehensive South I.H.-35 Utility Infrastructure Implementation Plan in order to meet the demands of this ongoing development.

On November 8, 2007, Council authorized negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with a Program Management Consultant (PMC) to assist the Utility in developing and implementing this plan. The authorization provided funding of services related to both the program management and professional preliminary engineering services for the Program. The consultant will assist in identifying the needed improvements, perform all associated preliminary engineering, and provide continual program management through 2009. Improvements identified in the preliminary engineering phase will be designed by other consultants, selected from the City's design rotation lists.

This contract amendment is required for additional preliminary engineering, easement acquisition support, and program management services for design phase services, as well as coordination with the Zachary Scott Tunnel project through 2009.