

AGENDA



Thursday, October 16, 2008

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 9**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with HDR ENGINEERING, INC., Austin, Texas, for design, bid/award, construction and post construction phase professional engineering services for the Fort Branch Watershed Management Area Reach 6 & 7 – Truelight Area and Eleanor Drive project in the amount of \$450,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,107,854.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department.

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) by meeting the goals with 26.43% MBE and 27.68% WBE subconsultant participation to date.

Prior Council Action: March 23, 2006 – Council authorized to negotiate a professional services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc.

The City of Austin Watershed Protection and Development Review Department completed a comprehensive preliminary engineering study to prioritize integrated solutions related to flooding, erosion and water quality in the Fort Branch Watershed in 2004. Engineering services for a detailed analysis specific to the Fort Branch Boulevard/Truelight Baptist Church area were initiated in 2006 for which the original RCA was approved. The detailed alternatives analysis report was completed and a public meeting was conducted in March 2008 where potential projects were discussed and citizen input on use of bond funding was obtained. Based on the information from the 2008 alternatives analysis and neighborhood meetings, the scope of work in this area has expanded beyond that originally assumed in 2004. The expanded project components include additional storm drain construction, selection of a bridge replacement over culvert rehabilitation and flood prone property acquisitions. Capital funding in the form of drainage utility transfers and bonds have been appropriated for the project, however additional contract authorization for engineering services is also required.

This authorization is anticipated to cover the final design phase efforts, as well as bid/award phase, construction phase and post construction phase professional engineering services.