

AGENDA



Thursday, December 11, 2008

Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 22

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with PBS&J, Austin, Texas, for engineering services for the Loop 360 Area Water Improvements Project in the amount of \$1,804,798.05, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,178,069.38.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 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 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 11.56 % MBE and 21.87 % WBE subconsultant participation to date.

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

Prior Council Action: May 21, 1997 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Espey, Houston and Associates for preliminary engineering services; May 20, 1999 - Council authorized an amendment for design and construction phase services; March 22, 2001 - Council authorized an amendment for additional design phase services.

The purpose of the project is to increase the water pressure and fire-flow in the Loop 360 corridor service area. In 1994 Council authorized the selection of PBS&J (formerly Espey, Houston and Associates) for the preliminary engineering study. In 1999 Council authorized funds for the design and construction phase services for this project. The improvements consist of four discrete projects that will be constructed separately; they are the Allen Road Pump Station, the Barclay Drive Pump Station and Ground Storage Reservoir, the Allen -Barclay Transmission Main and Miscellaneous Distribution Improvements. In 2001 Council authorized additional funds for alternative storage considerations at the Barclay Pump station site. All projects were put on hold in 2001 due to lack of funding. In 2007 the project was reactivated when funding was identified. Three of the projects will bid in late 2008 or early 2009 with construction expected to take approximately 18 months. The Miscellaneous Distribution Improvements will be bid when additional funding is identified. Several meetings have been held with the impacted neighborhoods.

This amendment is necessary to accomplish the following design tasks: Update the construction documents for the site plan and electrical instrumentation and controls for the Barclay Pump Station due to changed design criteria; Modify and complete the Miscellaneous Distribution Improvements plans; Provide construction phase services for all four projects.