

AGENDA



Thursday, January 29, 2009

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 6**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with AUSTIN FILTER SYSTEMS, INC., Austin, TX, for Thomas C. Green Water Treatment Plant Decommissioning and Deconstruction in the amount of \$4,782,000 plus a \$239,000 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,021,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$5,021,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Improvement Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Cynthia De Witt Jordan 974-7183; William Stauber 972-0290; Robin Field 974-7064; April Thedford 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of four (4) bids 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 with 9.28% MBE and 3.99% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

Prior Council Action: November 30, 2006 - Consultant Selection; May 3, 2007 - URS Corporation Amendment #1; December 6, 2007 - URS Corporation Amendment #2; October 23, 2007 - Contract Award Lewis Contractors, Inc.

The Thomas C. Green Water Treatment Plant (GWTP), commissioned in 1924, was the oldest and smallest of Austin's water treatment plants, located in a land-locked site in downtown Austin. For a number of reasons, including the facility's age, condition, and limited expansion potential, the GWTP is being decommissioned and deconstructed to make ready for new development that will connect the current 2nd Street District and the new Seaholm Redevelopment District.

This project includes the deconstruction of the buildings and structures on the six acre water treatment plant site. To accomplish this, work is split into five areas: environmental remediation; wastewater and stormwater utility isolation/relocation; deconstruction and recycling of applicable materials including onsite concrete crushing; Shoal Creek bank stabilization utilizing mechanically stabilized earth wall construction; and site restoration. Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions, a 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any future change orders. The contract allows 365 calendar days for completion of this project.