Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to 255 firms on September 30, 2008. The RFQ was obtained by 82 firms, and five firms submitted qualification statements. None of the firms were certified MBE/WBE firms. Of the five firms evaluated, three firms were short-listed and interviewed. The short-listed firms made presentations to the Austin City Council on February 12, 2008. Interviewing of the short-listed firms results in the following staff recommendation:

RECOMMENDED FIRM: ACP VISIONING & PLANNING, New York, NY - Total Participation:

NON MBE/WBE TOTAL – PRIME		22.00%
ACP Visioning & Planning, New York, NY	22.00%	
MBE TOTAL – SUBCONSULTANTS		16.50%
AFRICAN AMERICAN SUBTOTAL	1.70%	
(FB) Carter Design Associates, Austin, TX (urban planning; buildings, structures and components consulting; urban planning)	1.70%	
HISPANIC SUBTOTAL	9.50%	
(FH) Estilio Communications, Inc., Austin, TX (public relations, advertising/ Public relations)	5.50%	
(MH) R J Rivera Associates, Inc., Austin, TX (transportation planning, engineering services)	g 4.00%	
NATIVE/ASIAN SUBTOTAL	5.30%	
(MA) Raymond Chan & Associates, Inc., Austin, TX (civil engineering)	5.30%	
WBE TOTAL – SUBCONSULTANTS		14.20%
(FW) Concept Development & Planning, LLC, Austin, TX (communications-public relations consulting; graphic design; public information services)	8.00%	
(FW) K Friese & Associates, Inc., Austin, TX (land development and planning engineering, drainage and civil engineering)	6.20%	
NON MBE/WBE TOTAL – SUBCONSULTANTS		47.30%
Clarion Associates of Colorado, LLC, Denver, CO (urban planning)		18.00%
TBG Partners, Inc., Austin, TX (landscape architecture, urban planning)		11.50%
Prime Strategies, Inc., Austin, TX (transportation and traffic consulting, urban planning)		5.80%
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center at the University of Texas, Austin, TX (landscaping consulting		4.00%
Rami + Associates, Inc., Berkeley, CA (urban planning, urban planning consulting, en and ecological services)	vironmental	5.00%
Economic Research Associates, Washington, DC (economic development services, economic studies)	onomic	3.00%

FIRST ALTERNATE FIRM: WALLACE ROBERTS & TODD, LLC, Philadelphia, PA - Total Participation:

NON MBE/WBE TOTAL – PRIME		50.30%
Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC, Philadelphia, PA	50.30%	
MBE TOTAL – SUBCONSULTANTS		16.80%
AFRICAN AMERICAN SUBTOTAL	2.00%	
(FB) Carter Design Associates, Austin, TX (urban planning; buildings, structures and components consulting)		
HISPANIC SUBTOTAL	9.50%	
(FH) Canales-Sondgeroth & Associates, Austin, TX (zoning, land use studies, urban planning consulting)	3.70%	
(FH) Estilo Communications, Austin, TX (communications-public relations consulting; advertising/public relations)	5.80%	
NATIVE/ASIAN SUBTOTAL	5.30%	
(MA) Raymond Chan & Associates, Inc., Austin, TX (civil engineering)	5.30%	
WBE TOTAL – SUBCONSULTANTS		14.20%
(FB) Group Solutions RJW, Austin, TX (communications-public relations consulting, community development consulting)	14.20%	
NON MBE/WBE TOTAL – SUBCONSULTANTS		18.70%
AngelouEconomics, Austin, TX (marketing studies, economic development)	5.20%	
Criterion Planners, Portland, OR (urban planning)	5.20%	
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., Dallas, TX (urban planning, civil engineering)	8.30%	

SECOND ALTERNATE FIRM: HNTB CORPORATION, Austin, TX - Total Participation:

NON MBE/WBE TOTAL – PRIME		51.00%
HNTB Corporation, Austin, TX	51.00%	
MBE TOTAL – SUBCONSULTANTS		18.80%
AFRICAN AMERICAN SUBTOTAL (FB) Group Solutions RJW, Austin, TX (communications-public relations consulting, community development consulting)	4.00% 4.00%	
HISPANIC SUBTOTAL	9.50%	
(MH) R J Rivera Associates, Inc., Austin, TX (transportation engineering)	9.50%	
ASIAN AMERICAN SUBTOTAL (MA) Raymond Chan & Associates, Inc., Austin, TX (civil engineering)	5.30% 5.30%	
WBE TOTAL – SUBCONSULTANTS		14.20%
(FB) Carter Design Associates, Austin, TX (urban planning; buildings, structures and components consulting)	2.20%	
(FW) Knudson, LP, Houston, TX (planning, public involvement, LEED consultation	11.00%	
(FW) RH2 Consulting, Inc., Austin, TX (consulting, health and human services)	1.00%	
NON MBE/WBE TOTAL – SUBCONSULTANTS		16.00%
Eleanor H. McKinney Landscape Architect, Inc., Austin, TX (landscape architecture)	1.00%	
Gateway Planning Group, Ft. Worth, TX (landscape architecture, land development and planning, urban planning, site planning, community development consulting, urban planning consulting)	7.00%	
Gadbois Consulting, Austin, TX (urban planning, community development consulting, public relations and transportation consulting, negotiation services, lobby services, zoning and land use studies)	1.00%	
TXP, Inc., Austin, TX (business consulting)	7.00%	

The recommended and alternate firms provided a MBE/WBE Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and were approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department.