

AGENDA



Thursday, February 26, 2009

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 13**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with CH2M HILL, INC. Austin, TX to provide professional engineering services for the Water Distribution Control System and Lift Station Telemetry Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Systems (SCADA) Improvements, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

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.

For More Information: Gary Quick 972-0248; Rosie Truelove 974-3064; April Thedford 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Best qualification statement of six (6) statements received.

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 8.13% MBE and 4.31% WBE subconsultant participation.

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

The City of Austin commissioned its current Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Systems (SCADA) for its water distribution system and wastewater collection (lift station telemetry) system in August of 1999 and October of 2000 respectively. The computer hardware and software for these systems, as well as the associated communications equipment and infrastructure, has reached the end of its useful life. The completed project will result in two SCADA systems sharing common communications infrastructure that will provide the City with a highly reliable system to manage the water distribution and wastewater collections systems, and that is easily scalable to accommodate future growth.

This request allows for the development of a professional service agreement with the recommended firm. Should the City be unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the recommended firm, negotiations will cease with that firm. Staff will return to Council and request authorization to begin negotiations with the alternate recommendation. This authorization provides for engineering services in the amount of \$1,000,000.

The anticipated total completion time for this agreement is approximately four years from the date of City Council approval. Specific project schedules will be developed mutually by the project manager and the engineering consulting firm.

Participation goals stated in the solicitation were 8.13% MBE; 4.31% WBE. 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.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to 105 firms on August 4, 2008. The RFQ was obtained by 20 firms, and six firms submitted qualification

statements. No firms were a certified MBE/WBE firm. Six firms were evaluated. Evaluating the six firms resulted in the following recommendation.