

AGENDA



Thursday, March 26, 2009

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 18**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with AUSTIN UNDERGROUND, INC. (MBE/MH 94.07%), Austin, TX for Green WTP Transmission Main Relocation in the amount of \$945,890 plus a \$47,310 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$993,200.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$890,825 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding in the amount of \$102,375 is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Daniel Layton, P.E. 974-7093; Joe B. Smith, P.E. 972-0231; Robin Field 974-7064; April Thedford 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of eight (8) 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 3.40% MBE and 2.53% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

This project is part of the property redevelopment of the Green Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and the Seaholm Power Plant. Approximately 1,100 linear feet of 24-inch diameter water main will be installed in W. 3rd St. between Nueces and Bowie Streets. It includes an aerial crossing of Shoal Creek. With the closing of the Green WTP, the water distribution system in the area is in need of a source of water. This will be done by connecting this 24-inch diameter main to the 72-inch diameter water main from the Ulrich WTP. In addition, the Seaholm Power Plant property has several areas where contaminated soil needs to be removed and transported to a landfill. This project will handle approximately 900 tons of these soils that are within the construction zone of the 24-inch diameter main.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts when working in the right-of-way, a 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. The contract allows 245 calendar days for substantial completion of this project. Work is anticipated to start in May 2009 and continue until January 2010.