

AGENDA



Thursday, April 23, 2009

Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 17

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with SISK-ROBB, INC., Leander, TX for the Onion Creek Flood Hazard Mitigation project in an amount not to exceed \$556,300.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of five (5) 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). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This construction contract is part of the large scale City of Austin – US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Onion Creek Floodplain Buyout Project. This contract includes the required asbestos abatement and subsequent demolition and clearing of structures that were included in the buyout in the 25-year floodplain. Once the site clearing is complete, ecosystem restoration will take place and recreational facilities will be added in the Onion Creek floodplain area as part of future contracts.

There are over 700 homes located in the 100 year floodplain in the lower Onion Creek watershed. These areas experienced significant flooding in 1998 and 2001.

In December 2006, the Corps completed their final Feasibility Report and Integrated Environmental Assessment and they recommended the buyout of all 410 houses that are estimated to have interior flooding during a 25 year storm event in the Onion Creek Corps study area. To date, the City (using City funding and FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding) has purchased a total of 223 properties since 1999 in the study area. There are approximately 260 properties that remain to be purchased in the Corps project area.

The contract is for an estimated 12-month period unless funds are exhausted sooner. Bid documents were distributed to 20 general contractors. Bids were opened on March 12, 2009. Sisk-Robb, Inc. submitted the lowest of five bids received: Sisk-Robb, Inc., Leander, Texas \$556,300; Building Abatement Demolition Company, Inc., Austin, Texas \$579,200; AAR, Inc., Liberty Hill, Texas \$723,700; MAC, Inc., Austin, Texas \$842,750; Benitez Construction, Inc., Manor, Texas \$860,150.

The contractor's choice of work methodology does not provide for any areas of subcontracting opportunities. No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation. Total participation estimated on base bid amount of \$556,300.