Thursday, June 11, 2009

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 10

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with MUNIZ CONCRETE AND CONTRACTING, INC., (MBE/MH 93.65%), Austin, Texas for the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Sidewalk and Ramp Improvements 2009 Group 7 City Wide in the amount of \$1,999,420.50 plus a \$199,942.05 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,199,362.55.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of six (6) 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 3.39% MBE and 2.96% WBE subcontractor participation.

As part of the City of Austin's ongoing effort to comply with the directives of the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Public Works Department has developed more efficient and cost effective methods for sidewalk and curb ramp construction. The City also recognizes that improved and expanded pedestrian facilities are a frequently requested infrastructure improvement from the public. The projects proposed for construction under this initiative have been approved by the 2000 Bond funds for sidewalks.

The construction method chosen to deliver the initiatives is an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract. The IDIQ contract documents include engineered details, specifications, project locations currently identified and estimated total quantities of work. As each project location is further defined, a specific "work assignment" is given to the contractor who will complete the scope of work for the unit prices included in the contract. This contracting method also allows for the flexibility of adding projects based on priorities designated by the City.

The purpose of the contract is to have a contractor available to complete pedestrian and accessibility projects on a unit price basis. The projects are located throughout Austin.

The contract is for an estimated period of 12 months.