Thursday, June 18, 2009

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 8

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with the following seven firms: CAMP, DRESSER & MCKEE, INC. (CDM), Austin, TX; CHIANG, PATEL & YERBY, INC., Austin, TX; KALLURI GROUP, INC., (MBE/MA) HOUSTON, TX; ALAN PLUMMER ASSOCIATES, INC., Austin, TX; CH2M HILL, INC., Austin, TX; KENNEDY/JENKS CONSULTANTS, INC., Austin, TX and MWH AMERICAS, INC., Austin, TX to provide engineering services for the Water and Wastewater System Facility Engineering Rotation List, for the years 2008 through 2011 or until available funding authorization is expended, in the amount of \$3,500,000 in additional authorization, for a total not to exceed amount of \$13,000,000 for this rotation list. This additional authorization will be used for the rehabilitation of Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant and for other water and wastewater facility projects that receive funding from the Texas Water Development Board under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Special Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSFR) capitalization grant.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2011 Capital and/or Operating and Maintenance Budgets of the Austin Water Utility and highly anticipated from the Texas Water Development Board under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Special Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) capitalization grant.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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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 16.50% MBE and 14.20% WBE subcontractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission. Related to Item #2.

Prior Council Action: July 24, 2008 - Council approved the Water and Wastewater System Facility Engineering Rotation List 2008-2011 and authorized negotiation and execution of professional services agreements in the amount not to exceed \$7,000,000; December 18, 2008 - Council authorized an amendment to increase authority by \$2,500,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$9,500,000 for the rotation list.

On July 24, 2008, seven firms were selected for the 2008-2011 Water and Wastewater System Facility Engineering Rotation List with a total authorization in the amount of \$7,000,000. This rotation list was established to provide planning, preliminary engineering, design, construction, project management and other engineering services as necessary for all projects that are identified as part of the Austin Water Utility's Capital and/or Operating and Maintenance budgets. To date, all seven firms have received at least one assignment. There are nine active assignments projected to expend 84% of the current rotation list authority.

Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) made available \$171,957,024 for financial assistance to implement wastewater collection and treatment, nonpoint source pollution control, and estuary management projects in Texas under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Special Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) capitalization grant. TWDB established criteria on how funding will be awarded to applicants for various projects. A draft project priority list of all state-wide projects requesting funding was released by the TWDB, and many of the AWU projects are ranked high on the list for funding. AWU intends to access the financial assistance in the form of no interest loans or grants for its projects. An additional \$3,500,000 in rotation list authorization is required to design the rehabilitation of the Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant and other water and wastewater facility projects that may receive funding from the TWDB, allocated as follows:

CH2M Hill, Inc. received a notice to proceed in May 2009 for preliminary engineering on the Hornsby Bend Biosolids Plant Management Sustainability Assignment. In order to perform design and construction phase services for this assignment, the consultant requires an additional \$1,000,000 authorization.

The remaining \$2,500,000 will be applied to other water and wastewater facility projects that may receive funding from the TWDB. These assignments will be made to consultants on this rotation list in accordance with the Rotation List Management Procedures, Assignment Methodology.

This item is requesting the approval of an additional \$3,500,000 in authorization for the 2008-2011 Water and Wastewater System Facility Engineering Rotation List. The authorization will allow the City to improve and sustain its vital sludge processing plant and other water and wastewater facilities, potentially through the use of external funding.