

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 30

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with KENNEDY/JENKS CONSULTANTS, Austin, TX, for preliminary engineering, design, bid, construction and warranty phase services for the Parmer Lane Interceptor project, in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.

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: John Wepyrk 974-7010; Rosie Truelove 974-3064; April Thedford 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Best qualification statement of twenty-one (21) 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 17.00% MBE and 16.00% WBE subconsultant participation.

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

Recently, the City annexed the Anderson Mill Municipal Utility District (MUD) with its aging treatment plant. Staff has determined that it is more cost effective to take this plant off-line and send its flow to the Lake Creek system rather than to make necessary investments to keep the plant in operation.

After more than 20 years in service, Lake Creek and Rattan Creek lift stations have required significant operation and maintenance. The capacity in the Lake Creek Lift Station and its force main are not sufficient to handle the additional flow from the Anderson Mill MUD area and the continuing growth in the service area.

The selected consultant will provide preliminary engineering, design, bid, construction and warranty phase services for approximately 12,000 feet of gravity 42" interceptor along Parmer Lane to provide additional capacity to carry wastewater flow from Upper Lake Creek and Rattan Creek Basins.

This authorization provides for funding of services related to preliminary engineering, design, bid, construction and warranty phase services for the Parmer Lane Interceptor project. Staff anticipates returning to Council for additional funding for the construction phase of the project. The conceptual construction cost for this project is estimated to be approximately \$25,000,000.

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 then return to Council and request authorization to begin negotiations with the alternate recommendation listed below.

Recommended Firm: KENNEDY/JENKS CONSULTANTS

Alternate Firm: CAS CONSULTING & SERVICES, INC.