

# AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

## Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 33

**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with AECOM (EARTH TECH), INC., Austin, TX, to provide program management, reporting and close-out services for the Austin Clean Water Program through the end of calendar year 2009 in the amount of \$260,544, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$36,488,316.

**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:** Charles Muela, P.E. 974-7124; Gopal Guthikonda, P.E. 972-0240; Robin Field 974-7064; April Thedford 974-7141

**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) with 28.6% MBE and 18.5% WBE subcontractor participation to date.

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

**Prior Council Action:** October 11, 2001 - Council approved the Professional Services Agreement; November 21, 2002 - Council approved a Supplemental Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement; March 27, 2002 - Council approved a Supplemental Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement; December 4, 2003 - Council approved a Supplemental Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement; June 10, 2004 - Council approved a Supplemental Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement; December 16, 2004 - Council approved Supplemental Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement; December 6, 2007 - Council approved a Supplemental Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement; May 22, 2008 - Council approved a Supplemental Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement.

Previously on May 22, 2008, Council approved an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with AECOM (EARTH TECH), INC. for program management services in the amount of \$1,477,000 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$36,488,316. This request for Council action is to provide justification and clarification for \$260,544 worth of services from the previous authorization.

The City of Austin developed the Austin Clean Water Program (ACWP) to comply with an Administrative Order received in April 1999 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requiring the elimination of overflows in the City of Austin's wastewater collection system. The deadline for complying with the Administrative Order is June 30, 2009.

To satisfy the requirements and meet the deadline for complying with the Administrative Order, the City hired Earth Tech, Inc. in October, 2001 to provide Program Management Consultant (PMC) services for the ACWP. To date these services have included: Identification and prioritization of specific collection system rehabilitation and reconstruction projects; Management and coordination of the design and construction of the identified projects; Community outreach, creation and maintenance of a construction

awareness website which provides detailed overview of each project under construction, construction schedules and impacts on streets. The website is managed by the Austin Water Utility; Implementation of the Program which has enhanced the City's identity as an environmentally friendly city and provided national recognition for a program that has successfully implemented the wastewater collection system improvements that included rehabilitation, new construction, and maintenance enhancement; Development and adoption of a new permitting process which coordinates the review processes of various City departments to meet the time constraints required by AO while still meeting the City's requirements and being good stewards of the environment; Development of an enhanced maintenance program for the City's wastewater infrastructure to meet the immediate needs; Assistance to the Austin Water Utility in the development of a "CMOM" (Capacity, Management, Operations and Maintenance) plan for the long term effective management of the wastewater collection system; Assistance to the Austin Water Utility to obtain Federal grant funding for the rehabilitation of the wastewater collection system.

This request will provide funds from the existing authorization for the ACWP Program Management Consultant services, generation of final program reports and project close-out services for the remaining period of the Program, which is expected to run through October 2009.