

AGENDA



Thursday, August 20, 2009

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 9**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with LAUGHLIN-THYSSEN, INC., Houston, TX, for the WRI Central Phase 3A Red River to UT Reclaimed Transmission Main in the amount of \$7,498,841.45 plus a \$525,158.55 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$8,024,000.

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: Daniel Layton, P.E. 974-7093; Dan Pedersen 972-0074; Robin Field 974-7064; April Thedford 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of ten (10) 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 9.08% MBE and 47.80% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

The Red River to UT Reclaimed Transmission Main is approximately 23,000 linear feet of 24-inch, 12-inch and 8-inch pipelines that will expand the Austin Water Utility's reclaimed water system in the Northeast/Central area of the city. The project connects to the existing system at the Mueller Development crosses under Interstate 35 and continues down Red River to The University of Texas at Austin with a capacity of up to 600 million gallons. It will serve the Hancock Golf Course, the Hancock Shopping Center, East Avenue Development, the University of Texas and areas adjacent to the transmission main. Expected customer uses include irrigation and cooling water.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts when working in the right of way, a 7% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders.

The contract allows 395 calendar days for substantial completion of this project. Work is anticipated to begin November 2009 and end March 2011.