

AGENDA



Thursday, August 20, 2009

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 11**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with LOCKWOOD, ANDREWS & NEWNAM, INC., Austin, TX, for design, bid, and construction phase services for the East Bouldin-Euclid-Wilson Storm Drain Improvements project, in an amount not to exceed \$900,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Glen Taffinder 974-3381; Rosie Truelove 974-3064; April Thedford 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Best qualification statement of fourteen (14) 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 16.00% MBE and 17.00% WBE subcontractor participation.

The City of Austin (COA) has received several requests from local residents along Euclid Street and Wilson Street in south Austin to mitigate frequent flooding problems during heavy rain events. Additional drainage issues have been identified at other locations within the neighborhood and project area. The Euclid-Wilson project area is bounded by Cumberland Road on the south, West Oltorf Street on the north, South Congress Avenue on the east and South 1st Street on the west. The area consists of mixed use land development of single family residential, multi-family residential, and commercial usage. The existing storm drain system was constructed in conjunction with the single family houses circa 1950. Development of the area occurred prior to the publication of the first City of Austin Drainage Criteria Manual in 1977. Since storm water management requirements in place at the time of development were different than those in place today, increases in storm water discharge were allowed to occur without mitigation. Numerous flood complaints have been registered in the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department's (WPDRD's) database.

On March 3, 2008, the COA conducted a public meeting to review the project with the local residents and obtained public input and concerns related to the storm water and drainage issues in the area. The public meeting further confirmed the need of the proposed improvements.

The purpose of the project is to alleviate flooding issues created by different storm water management practices in the past.

The project will alleviate the flooding of streets, houses and yards through an upgraded storm drainage system that includes the construction of 9,700 linear feet of upgraded storm drain pipe and numerous new storm drain inlets throughout the neighborhood. Residents have formally requested service from the COA to address two locations of reported street flooding, and three locations of reported house and yard flooding.

The consultant will provide permitted contract documents to the COA for the alternative recommended in the Preliminary Engineering Report.

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: LOCKWOOD, ANDREWS & NEWNAM, INC.

Alternate Firm: ESPEY CONSULTANTS, INC.