Thursday, September 24, 2009

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 28

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with AUSTIN UNDERGROUND, INC., (MBE/MH 91.00%), Lago Vista, TX, for the Oak Lawn Neighborhood Storm Drain Improvements in the amount of \$1,339,868.20 plus a \$66,993.41 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,406,861.61.

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

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of eleven (11) 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 1.53% MBE and 7.47% WBE subcontractor participation.

The project scope includes the construction of storm drain system improvements generally along and around Meander Drive. Expected project benefits include the reduction of localized flooding threats to over 90 homes in the area. Additionally, this project will provide increased flood protection to the documented seventeen (17) building and yard flooding occurrences. This project, which is funded by 2006 Bond funds, is a very high priority as identified in Watershed Protection Department's Master Plan.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts when working in the right-ofway, a 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders.

The contract allows 210 calendar days for substantial completion of this project.

The prime contractor is a MBE/MH certified firm with 91.00% participation and with 1.53% MBE and 7.47% WBE subcontractor participation for this award.