Thursday, October 22, 2009

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 10

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with AUSTIN ENGINEERING CO., INC., Austin, TX, for the South IH-35 Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Program Goodnight Ranch Phase II, 48-inch Water Main project in the amount of \$1,149,073.50 plus \$80,435.15 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,229,508.65.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

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 3.22% MBE and 2.80% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

The South IH-35 Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Program Goodnight Ranch Phase II project will involve the installation of approximately 3,550 linear feet of 48-inch diameter water pipe at varying depths, along the right-of-way of E. Slaughter Lane at the Goodnight Ranch Development. The water main will be installed via an open-cut trench. Additionally, the project will include the restoration of vegetation affected by the construction effort.

The work will occur in the future E. Slaughter Lane right-of-way, starting approximately one thousand feet east of Old Lockhart Highway, and then extending approximately three thousand five hundred fifty feet eastbound with a 48-inch pipe along the same right-of-way.

The project is the result of a Service Extension Request (SER) submitted by developers working with the Austin Water Utility (AWU). The project was included in the South IH-35 Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Program as part of AWU's Long-Range Master Plan. The first phase of the South IH-35 Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Program, of which this project is a part of, is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2010.

Because of slight construction changes that may be required under the South IH-35 Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Program, a 7% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any future change orders. The contract allows 340 calendar days for completion of this project.