

AGENDA



Thursday, November 19, 2009

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 17

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with FT WOODS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INC, Georgetown, TX, for the Water Treatment Plant 4 (WTP4) Plant Stormwater Facilities in the amount of \$2,974,750 plus a \$446,212.50 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,420,962.50.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$3,420,962.50 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 nine (9) 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 17.07% MBE and 9.50% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

The Water Treatment Plant (WTP4) Stormwater Facilities Project involves the construction of storm water detention facilities in the location of the proposed Water Treatment Plant 4 site. The project includes clearing of existing vegetation and construction of seven water quality ponds, seven detention ponds, construction access roads, storm water conveyance systems, and temporary erosion and sedimentation control measures.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions, a 15% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. Estimated savings to be realized for the construction project based on the Engineer's original cost estimate is approximately \$1.5 million or 33%. The contract allows 365 calendar days for completion of this project.

In early 2010, staff anticipates one or more Guaranteed Maximum Price packages being brought before the Council to take action in order to take advantage of the current bidding climate. Those packages are currently under consideration and development to maximize the benefit to the project.