A U S T I N C I T Y C O U N C I L

AGENDA

Thursday, December 17, 2009

Contract and Land Management **Item No. 36**
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following four firms: HDR ENGINEERING, INC., Austin, TX; LNV, INC. (MBE/MH), Austin, TX; PBS&J, Austin, TX, and CPM (MBE/FB), Austin, TX for the Construction Inspection Services Rotation List for various Capital Improvement Projects for an estimated period of two years or until financial authorization is expended, each agreement in an amount not to exceed $375,000 per firm, with the total amount for the four agreements not to exceed $1,500,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital and/or Operating Budgets of the various departments for which services are needed.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Phil Salyers 974-7114; Rosie Truelove 974-3064; April Thedford 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Best four (4) qualification statements of eighteen (18) 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). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

The City inspects the construction of pavements, bridge structures, retaining walls, sidewalks, channels, water and wastewater distribution, collection and transmission mains, and other engineered facilities in public rights of way and easements.

The objective of the project is to provide construction inspection services for the City of Austin Capital Improvement Program under the direct supervision of the Capital Inspection Division. These construction inspection services are intended to enhance and increase the City's current inspection capabilities commencing around January/February 2010 and extending for two (2) years or until the authorized funding is expended.

The inspectors shall perform the following services: Inspect the construction of pavements, bridge structures, retaining walls, sidewalks, channels, water and wastewater distribution, collection, transmission mains, and other engineered facilities in public rights of way and/or easements; Provide all services related to inspection and coordination of testing for soils, flexible base, and asphaltic concrete, concrete and other materials used on City of Austin funded projects inspected by the City; Provide field inspection of pavements, bridge structures, retaining walls, sidewalks, channels, water and wastewater distribution, collection, transmission mains, and other engineered facilities in public rights of way and easements; Perform the required record keeping, reporting, invoice processing, and project closeout documentation. They will be expected to utilize all City inspection paperwork and abide by the same policies and procedures as a City Capital Inspector.

The City expects the above referenced services to be provided concurrent with the construction schedule of the project(s).

The total funding authority for this Construction Inspection Services Rotation List is $1,500,000 with the authority for each of four (4) firms to be approximately $375,000.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the four (4) recommended firms for an estimated period of two (2) years or until financial authorization is expended. Initial project assignments will be based on the firm's final ranking as determined during the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) evaluation (highest to lowest), the maximum cumulative contracted amount in comparison to the estimated task budget for that firm, and the firm's qualifications and availability of expertise at time of project need. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with a recommended firm(s), if a selected firm ceases practice during the contract period or if the City elects to terminate its agreement with one or more of the selected firms, the remaining assignments will be distributed among the remaining firms as equally as possible.

RECOMMENDED FIRMS: HDR Engineering, Inc.; LNV, Inc; PBS&J, and CPM