Thursday, January 28, 2010

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 23

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with URS CORPORATION, Austin, TX, for engineering services for the decommissioning and deconstruction of the Thomas C. Green Water Treatment Plant and related facilities in the amount of \$525,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,425,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$525,000 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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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) with 17.78% MBE and 14.98% WBE subconsultant participation to date.

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

Prior Council Action: November 30, 2006 – Council approved the consultant selection; May 3, 2007 – Council approved an amendment for Additional Preliminary Engineering Design; December 6, 2007 - Council approved an amendment for Design, Bid & Award, Construction, and Warranty Phase Services.

The Thomas C. Green Water Treatment Plant (GWTP), commissioned in 1924, was the oldest and smallest of Austin's water treatment plants, located in a land-locked site in downtown Austin. Due to the facility's age, condition, and limited expansion potential, the GWTP is being decommissioned and deconstructed to make way for new development that will connect the current 2nd Street District and the new Seaholm Redevelopment District.

This proposed amendment will provide for additional construction phase professional services. Because the duration of the decommissioning and deconstruction work currently underway must be extended, additional construction phase professional services are required. These services will include on-site construction administration for the project, including monitoring and tracking the proper disposition of additional hazardous wastes and materials recently uncovered, reviewing contractor's submittals, providing necessary clarification and interpretation of contract documents, assisting in evaluation of construction issues, facilitating progress meetings, assisting in the resolution of claims, and providing a record set of drawings which depict changes that occurred during construction.

This project is located within 78701.