

AGENDA



Thursday, March 11, 2010

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 13

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with SOUTHLAND CONTRACTING, INC., Fort Worth, TX, for the South IH-35 Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Program, Segment 2/5 - Slaughter and Onion Creek Crossings, 36-Inch Water Main in the amount of \$5,985,534, plus a \$299,276.70 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,284,810.70.

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.

For More Information: Jon Thompson 974-1507; Joe Hoepken 974-1171; April Thedford 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of six (6) 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 10.89% MBE and 5.45% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

This project is part of the South IH-35 Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Program that will provide water and wastewater service to the southeast Austin area by the end of 2010, as part of the Austin Water Utility's long-range plan. The program is part of the City's response to Service Extension Requests (SERs) submitted by area developers requesting water and wastewater service from the City of Austin. Segments 2 and 5 cross under Slaughter and Onion Creeks, respectively, and have been combined into one project to maximize the economy of scale associated with the unique tunneling work involved with the two segments, which are also located in close proximity to one another.

This project will involve the installation of 1,767 linear feet of 36-inch diameter water pipe at depths varying from 10-15 feet installed via open-cut trench and 3,107 linear feet of 36-inch water pipe installed by tunneling at depths of approximately 70 feet below existing ground elevation. Additionally, the project will include various water line appurtenances, sidewalk construction, and the restoration of vegetation affected by the construction effort.

The project is generally located along the southbound frontage of IH-35 between Slaughter Lane and Onion Creek Parkway in the 78748 zip code. Segment 2 begins approximately 4,000 linear feet south of Slaughter Lane and proceeds south, parallel to the southbound frontage road of IH-35, beneath Slaughter Creek, and terminates approximately 1,000 linear feet south of the Slaughter Creek centerline. Segment 5 begins approximately 500 linear feet north of Onion Creek Parkway and proceeds south, parallel to the southbound frontage road of IH-35, beneath Onion Creek and terminates approximately 800 linear feet south of the Onion Creek centerline.

A 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any future change orders. The contract allows 350 calendar days for completion of this project.