

AGENDA



Thursday, March 25, 2010

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 15**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with MECHANICAL & PROCESS SYSTEMS (MBE/MA - 63.05%), Austin, TX, for the South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Administration Building HVAC project in the amount of \$298,587 plus a \$60,000 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$358,587.

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: Lower bid of two (2) 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) through the achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 63.05% MBE Prime Participation and 0.54% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

The South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Administration Building was constructed in 1985. The existing air conditioning system is underperforming, resulting in a humid and uncomfortable interior environment. This project includes replacement of the entire HVAC system, including air handlers, condensing units and ductwork with properly sized equipment, which will provide a comfortable interior environment with appropriate humidity and temperatures levels. An energy savings will be realized because the new equipment will be more energy efficient.

Due to the potential for unknown conditions and conflicts during construction, a 20% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. The contract allows 135 calendar days for completion of this project.