Thursday, March 25, 2010

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 10

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with BLASTCO TEXAS, INC., Houston, TX, for the Pilot Knob Reservoir Improvements project in the amount of \$1,927,320 plus a \$96,366 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,023,686.

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: Joe B. Smith, P.E. 972-0231; Rosie Truelove 974-3064; April Thedford 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of three (3) 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 6.62% MBE and 16.31% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

The project includes recoating and safety improvements to the 12 million gallon potable water ground storage Pilot Knob Reservoir. This project is part of annual routine maintenance of the water storage tanks.

Work in this project includes surface preparation and coating of the interior and exterior of the steel reservoir; install stainless steel safety climb rail on the tank interior; install a new Cathodic Protection System; install new stainless steel roof hatch and handrails; and site restoration, repairs and improvements.

A 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. The contract allows 160 working days for completion of this project.