

AGENDA



Thursday, April 22, 2010

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 8**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with AUSTIN ENGINEERING COMPANY INC., Austin, TX, for the South IH-35 Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Program - Segment 9 project in the amount of \$1,542,053.90 plus a \$76,528 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,618,581.90.

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: Brenda Baker 974-1175; Joe Hoepken, P.E. 974-1171; Susan Garnett 974-7064; April Thedford 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of ten (10) 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 7.10% MBE and 4.43% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

The South IH-35 Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Program will provide water and wastewater service to developing areas in southeast Austin as part of the Austin Water Utility's long-range plan. Segment 9 is parallel to IH-35 north of F.M. 1327 on the east bound side and then parallel to F.M. 1327 to the east. The project includes 5,100 linear feet of 42-inch diameter water pipe to be constructed by open cut trench. The project will also include water line appurtenances and the restoration of vegetation affected by the construction effort.

A 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any potential change orders. The contract price includes a \$1,500 allowance for tree fertilizer and a \$10,000 allowance for possible delays associated with the availability of water for testing and disinfection.

The contract allows 188 calendar days for completion of this project. The project is located in the 78747 zip code.