Thursday, May 27, 2010

## Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 21

**Subject:** Authorize execution of a construction contract with AUSTIN UNDERGROUND, INC. (MBE/MH - 84.17%), Austin, TX for the West Austin Sanitary Sewer Overflow Abatement project in the amount of \$1,039,555.50 plus a \$51,902.78 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,091,458.28.

**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: Lowest bid of eight (8) 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 84.17% MBE Prime and 2.03% MBE and 5.59% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

This project consists of the installation of approximately 3,000 linear feet of 8-inch PVC wastewater line located on West 46th Street, Shoalwood Avenue, Burnet Road, Shoal Creek Boulevard, Cary Drive, White Horse Trail, and Nasco Drive to replace existing concrete wastewater line. The existing wastewater lines have deteriorated and overflows have occurred due to the deteriorated pipe.

The Austin Water Utility and the project manager are meeting with the affected neighborhoods and will provide ongoing communication with all property owners that will potentially be affected by the construction of the wastewater system. Communications with these groups will continue throughout the construction phase.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts when working in the right of way, a 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. The contract allows 90 calendar days for substantial completion of this project and 30 additional days for final completion of the project. Construction is anticipated to start in June 2010 and continue until September 2010. This project is located within zip codes 78756 and 78757.