## Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 17

**Subject:** Authorize execution of a construction contract with CAPITAL EXCAVATION COMPANY, Austin, TX, for the North Shields Water Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$798,537.50 plus a \$39,927 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$838,464.50.

**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 eleven (11) 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 14.33% MBE and 5.52% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

This project will replace 4,034 linear feet of outdated and undersized water lines and services on North Shields Drive, Wingate Way, Harrowden Drive and Winwick Way. The current water system is failing and is subject to low pressure. These improvements will assure safe and reliable drinking water, as well as increased water pressure for fire protection.

The Austin Water Utility has held a public meeting with the affected neighborhood and has established communication with all property owners that will potentially be affected by the construction. Communications with this group 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 120 calendar days for substantial completion of this project and 60 additional days for final completion of the project. Construction is anticipated to start in July 2010 and continue until February 2011. This project is located within zip code 78727.