

AGENDA



Thursday, July 29, 2010

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 22**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following two firms: TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC., Austin, TX and JENKINS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING, LLC, Austin, TX for the Asbestos and Lead Based Paint Consultant Services Rotation List 2010–2013, for a period of three years or until financial authorization is expended, in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 divided among the two firms.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$900,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budgets of the various departments for which services are needed.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Darryl Haba, 974-7205; Rosie Truelove, 974-3064; Sarah Terry 974-7141; Felecia Shaw 974-6017

Purchasing Language: The two most qualified firms out of four firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 5.05% MBE and 4.20% WBE subconsultant participation.

The City of Austin, in its efforts to comply with existing Texas Environmental Lead Reduction Rules, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing, and applicable Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations, is establishing the means to control and minimize public exposure to lead by regulating lead based paint activities in City-owned target housing, child-occupied facilities, and other associated facilities. To comply with existing regulations on a timely basis, the City of Austin requires the services of qualified firms that engage in asbestos and/or lead related activities including, but not limited to inspection, damage assessment, risk assessment, design of abatement plans and specifications, on-site air monitoring, on-site project management of lead based paint remediation and Operations & Maintenance, and the ability to respond to emergency notifications.

The City of Austin has also adopted an Asbestos Control Policy that, in part, states "... no City employee shall undertake any work that may disturb asbestos-containing material unless specifically required, trained, and equipped to do so. This includes all repair, remodeling, renovation, demolition, additions, operations and maintenance for any City-owned facility."

It is anticipated that the selected firms will perform activities including, but not limited to, inspection, damage assessment, risk assessment, design of abatement plans and specifications, on-site air monitoring, on-site project management, operations and maintenance, and the ability to respond to emergency notifications.

This authorization provides for funding of asbestos and lead based paint consulting services of approximately \$450,000 for each of the two firms for a total amount not to exceed \$900,000. The period of service is estimated to be approximately three years or until financial authorization is expended.

This request allows for the development of a professional service agreement with each of the two recommended firms. This rotation list will allow assignment of projects based on the City's established rotation list management procedures. Should the City be unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with a recommended firm, negotiations will cease with that firm and the funding will be distributed to the remaining recommended firm.

Recommended Firms: Terracon Consultants, Inc. and Jenkins Environmental Consulting, LLC