

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 7

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with PEPPER-LAWSON, L.P., Katy, TX, for the Boggy Creek Lift Station Improvements in the amount of \$2,516,000, plus a \$251,600 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,767,600.

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: Jim Steed, 974-1163; Fred Ramirez, P.E., 972-1951; Susan Garnett, 974-7064; Sarah Terry, 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of 7 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 0.33% MBE and 0.23% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

The proposed construction contract will upgrade the existing Boggy Creek Wastewater Lift Station, which was built in 1978 to serve the eastern portion of the Boggy Creek Watershed.

The Boggy Creek Lift Station Improvements project will replace all pumps and provide a minimum pumping capacity of 7,700 gallons per minute (gpm) and a maximum pumping capacity of 19,500 gpm. The project provides for the rehabilitation and construction of modifications to the lift station, including new controls, motors, and piping. The upgrade of the lift station will include significant improvements to the entire electrical system, as well as a rework of the instrumentation and control systems. The work also includes minor remodeling of the interior space of the lift station and an upgrade to the HVAC systems. The bid also includes an allowance of \$175,000 to address possible elevator repairs and the potential for lead-based paint removal.

Due to the potential for unknown conditions within the aged lift station and uncertainties about the reliability of some existing lift station components, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. The contract allows 540 calendar days for completion of the project, and work is scheduled to begin in September 2010. The project is located within zip code 78741.