

AGENDA



Thursday, January 27, 2011

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 11**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with SMITH CONTRACTING COMPANY INC., Austin, TX for the Loop 360 Water Improvements – Miscellaneous Distribution Improvements Project in the amount of \$1,347,681.80 plus a \$67,384 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,415,065.80.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Larry Mendez, 974-1581, Janet Atkinson, P.E. 972-0173, 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) by meeting the goals with 8.61% MBE and 2.71% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

This is the final of four projects to increase the water pressure and fire flow protection within the Loop 360 and Walsh Tarleton service area. The work includes the construction of approximately 4,126 linear feet of 16 inch water main and appurtenances, 1,519 linear feet of 12 inch water main and appurtenances, pressure reducing valves and services within the service area boundary.

Meetings were held with the impacted Neighborhood Associations and local schools and notices were hand delivered to impacted residences.

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 270 calendar days for completion of this project.