

## AGENDA



Thursday, February 17, 2011

**Contract and Land Management  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 15**

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**Subject:** Authorize the negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with HDR ENGINEERING, INC. (staff recommendation), Austin, TX or other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP076, for the Shoal Creek at Pease Park Restoration, to provide professional engineering services for the Watershed Protection Department with an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Morgan Byars, 974-9790; Edward Campos, 974-7206; Rolando Fernandez, 974-7749; Felecia Shaw, 974-7141

**Purchasing Language:** Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of 11 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 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE subconsultant participation.

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The Watershed Protection Department (WPD) plans to make improvements to the Shoal Creek corridor along Pease Park and the Lower Shoal Creek Greenbelt. The project area has been defined as the Shoal Creek corridor from the north crossing of Shoal Creek Boulevard/Gaston Place to Kingsbury Street to the south. Typical problems identified in this area include: excessive creek bank erosion, threatened trees, compacted soils, poor riparian integrity, invasive plants and poor stormwater quality conditions. WPD intends to improve the park and stream corridor through stream bank stabilization, wastewater line relocation, low impact stormwater treatment systems and landscape restoration improvements.

WPD anticipates contracting with the selected firm to perform the tasks necessary to advance the restoration project through final design, bidding and construction phases.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with the recommended firm. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the recommended firm, negotiations will cease with that firm. Staff will return to Council and request authorization to begin negotiation with the alternate firm recommendation listed below.

**RECOMMENDED FIRM:** HDR ENGINEERING, INC.

**ALTERNATE FIRM:** JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC.

Participation subgoals stated in the solicitation were: 1.90% African American; 9.00% Hispanic; 4.90% Native/Asian; and 15.80% WBE. The recommended and alternate firms provided a MBE/WBE Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and was approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to 352 firms on October 21, 2010. The RFQ was obtained by 62 firms, and 11 firms submitted qualification statements. None of the firms were certified M/WBE firms.