

AGENDA



Thursday, February 17, 2011

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 17

Subject: Authorize the negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with KLEINFELDER CENTRAL, INC., or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation CLMP064, to provide Material Testing and Tunnel Survey Engineering Services for the Waller Creek Tunnel-Materials Testing & Tunnel Survey with an amount not to exceed \$945,000.

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: Gary Jackson, 974-7115; Rolando Fernandez, 974-7749; Felecia Shaw, 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of 3 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. Related to Items #12, 24, 25, & 26.

The City, anticipates contracting with the selected firm for an approximate four-year period to provide engineering and testing services during the construction of Waller Creek Tunnel, to be located in downtown Austin. The selected firm will provide the following required engineering and testing:

•Asphaltic Cement Concrete Testing

Conduct investigations, evaluations and testing of asphaltic concrete.

•Specialized Testing

Perform testing and inspection of flexible base stockpiles, structural steel, coatings and corrosion control.

•Forensic Engineering

Perform special tests including petrography, scanning electron microscopy, x-ray diffractometry, and x-ray spectroscopy evaluations for streets, parking lots, utilities, buildings and other engineered facilities.

•Geotechnical Engineering

Perform subsurface investigations for streets, parking lots, utilities, buildings and other engineered facilities. •Site Development and Building Construction Materials Testing
Conduct investigations, evaluations and testing of soils, aggregates, asphaltic concrete and Portland cement concrete, structural steel welding and erection, and other building construction materials as needed for roadways, parking lots, utilities, buildings and other engineered facilities.

•Soils and Portland Cement Testing

Conduct investigations, evaluations and testing of soils, aggregates, and Portland cement concrete.

- Tunnel Survey Oversight

Conduct independent survey to verify and validate the Contractor's Tunnel survey.

For the engineering and testing services identified, it is anticipated that the selected firm will provide all forensic and geotechnical engineering, construction materials testing, and Tunnel Survey services for all the work areas.

This request allows for the development of an agreement with a qualified responder that Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected responder, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that Council may select another qualified responder and authorize contract negotiations with this provider.

RECOMMENDED FIRM: KLEINFELDER CENTRAL, INC.

FIRST ALTERNATE FIRM: RABA-KISTNER CONSULTANTS, 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 an 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 372 firms on September 28, 2010. The RFQ was obtained by 17 firms, and 3 firms submitted qualification statements. One of the firms was a certified MBE/WBE firm.