

## A G E N D A

**RCA - CLMD**

Austin City Council

Item ID:

5269

**Meeting Date:**

April 21, 2011

**Department:**

Contract and Land Management

## Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following four staff recommended firms: HDR ENGINEERING, INC., Austin, TX; KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC., Irving, TX; WILBUR SMITH ASSOCIATES, INC., Austin, TX; and URS CORPORATION, Austin, TX or other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP078, to provide professional engineering design services for Transportation Corridor Studies, a 2010 MOBILITY BOND PROJECT, in an amount not to exceed \$1,930,000.00.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

**Purchasing Language:**

Staff recommendations are the four most qualified firms out of twelve firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.

**Prior Council Action:****For More Information:**

Gordon Derr 974-7228; Rolando Fernandez 974-3064; April Shaw 974-7141

**Boards and Commission Action:****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 Items:**

## Additional Backup Information

The Transportation Department anticipates contracting with four (4) firms to provide Preliminary Engineering Studies to identify the needs for the following Corridor Improvement projects (Projects):

1. East Riverside Drive Corridor - Future Sidewalk, Bicycle and Related Pedestrian Facilities
2. FM 969 (East MLK) Corridor - Transportation Infrastructure for east Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
3. North Lamar Blvd and North Burnet Road Corridor - Future improvements between US Highway 183 and Interstate 35 and North Burnet Road (between Koenig Lane and Mopac)
4. Airport Blvd Corridor - Transportation Infrastructure between North Lamar Boulevard and US Highway 183

The four (4) firms will perform a study for one of the four (4) Corridor Improvement Projects. The Projects may require the establishment of a vision, plan, and implementation strategy for the corridors that results in the development of a multi-modal transportation system supportive of mixed-use, pedestrian, and bicycle friendly development patterns. It will

incorporate the City's development standards; neighborhood and transportation plans; corridor planning initiatives; and design work, of past and on-going projects.

The Corridor Improvement projects were included in Proposition 1 on the 2010 General Obligation Bond Election; the proposition was passed by the City of Austin voters on November 2, 2010.

The Preliminary Engineering Study with the highest assigned funding will be allocated to the highest ranked firm; the funding will then be allocated to the remaining firms in order of their rankings (highest to lowest) from the qualification-based selection process. The Transportation Department anticipates the following allocation of funds for the four (4) Preliminary Engineering Studies:

1. East Riverside Drive Corridor Improvements	\$ 600,000.00
2. FM969 (East MLK Blvd) Corridor Improvements	\$ 450,000.00
3. North Lamar Blvd and North Burnet Road Corridor Improvements	\$ 450,000.00
4. Airport Blvd Corridor Improvements	<u>\$ 430,000.00</u>
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$ 1,930,000.00</b>

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

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.

**RECOMMENDED FIRMS:**

HDR ENGINEERING, INC.	East Riverside Drive Corridor Improvements
KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.	FM969 (East MLK Blvd) Corridor Improvements
WILBUR SMITH ASSOCIATES, INC.	North Lamar Blvd and North Burnet Road Corridor Improvements
URS CORPORATION, INC.	Airport Blvd Corridor Improvements

**FIRST ALTERNATE FIRM:** FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to 192 firms on October 21, 2010. The RFQ was obtained by 65 firms, and twelve (12) firms submitted qualification statements. None of the firms were certified MBE/WBE firms.