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Recommendation for Council Action (CLMD)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	6920	Agenda Number	4.
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Meeting Date: June 9, 2011

Department: Contract and Land Management

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with the following two firms: HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC., and ATKINS NORTH AMERICA, INC., Austin, TX; for the Floodplain Modeling and Mapping Engineering Services Rotation List for various Capital Improvement Projects for an estimated period of three years or until financial authorization is expended, in the amount of \$1,000,000 in additional authorization, for a total not to exceed amount of \$3,000,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget and/ or Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection Department. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future fiscal years.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action: March 11, 2010 - Council approved the Floodplain Modeling and Mapping Engineering Services Rotation List and authorized negotiation and execution of professional services agreements in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

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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) with 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE subconsultant participation to date.

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

The mission of the Watershed Protection Department (WPD) is to reduce the impact of flooding, erosion, and water pollution on our community in order to protect lives, property and the environment. In 2009, the WPD identified a number of watersheds that warranted updated floodplain modeling and mapping studies. Based on several factors, including floodplain study age and available budget, WPD's project planning identified approximately \$1,500,000 in studies. In March 2010, City Council authorized WPD to enter into professional service agreements (PSA) with two consultant teams to complete these studies for a total funding authority of \$2,000,000 through the 2010 Floodplain Modeling and Mapping Rotation List. The City and consultants negotiated and approved the PSAs in April 2010. Several floodplain studies have subsequently been initiated.

On September 27, 2010, FEMA awarded the City of Austin \$1,100,000 in grant funds to support the development of floodplain modeling and mapping studies. Based on this additional funding, the WPD is able to provide floodplain studies for additional portions of the City in need of updated floodplain mapping through the 2010 Floodplain Modeling and Mapping Rotation List. WPD is requesting through CLMD that the funding authority for this rotation list be increased by \$1,000,000 for a total authorization of \$3,000,000. The FEMA grant (EMT-2010-CA0011) stipulates a performance period during which the floodplain studies must be completed. Using the existing rotation list will allow the projects to be completed without risking the loss of grant funds.

The selected engineering consultants shall conduct these floodplain modeling and mapping studies in accordance with all applicable City of Austin and FEMA specifications and criteria. In addition, the consultants are implementing MBE/WBE Compliance Plans, which were approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department.