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Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

15433

Agenda Number

11.

Meeting Date:

May 24, 2012

Department:

Contract Management

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF AMERICAS, INC., for engineering services for the IH-35 Corridor Development Program, a 2010 MOBILITY BOND PROJECT, in the amount of \$1,200,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,253,000. Related to Item # 45.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing
Language:

Prior Council
Action:

June 23, 2011 - Council approved negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Parsons Brinckerhoff Americas, Inc. to provide engineering services for the IH-35 Corridor Development Program.

For More
Information:

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Boards and
Commission
Action:

Related Items:

This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 8.82% MBE and 22.51% WBE subconsultant participation to date.

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Additional Backup Information

Traffic congestion within the Austin region is recognized by many as one of the major challenges to the future economic, environmental, and social health of the City. Residents of the City are affected daily by long commutes, congested freeway corridors, and a general lack of alternative travel routes. IH-35, running from south to north through the center of the community, is among the most congested corridors within the region, the fourth most congested in Texas and the 17th worst in the U.S. according to the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI).

The project team is currently developing a series of proposed short-, mid-, and long-range solutions based on the identified need from the Capital Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) 2035 Long Range Plan and Metropolitan Planning Work Plan. The intent is to maximize the potential capacity of the corridor between William Cannon on the south and US 290E on the north. Along with proposed solutions, the scope includes a corridor investment plan, identification of projects for future bond elections, identification of partnering opportunities, and coordination of public outreach.

The project team has held two public workshops and 23 stakeholder meetings with adjacent businesses, neighborhoods, educational institutions, churches and interested associations. The meetings generated over 300 ideas that were evaluated to define the problem. They were then used to identify and refine technical alternatives for public review, and to develop an implementation strategy. Other agency stakeholders included in the program development: Federal Highway Administration; Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); Travis County; TTI; CAMPO; Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA); Capitol Metropolitan Transit Authority (CMTA); and the City of Austin's Police, Fire, and EMS departments.

The proposed amendment is a result of TTI's recommendation to extend the current evaluation limits to SH45 on the north, to tie into Williamson County's concurrent evaluation, and to SH45 on the south. The expansion will provide a holistic approach to determine congestion relief solutions along and around the IH35 corridor. On February 23, 2012, the Texas Transportation Commission approved distribution of \$1,200,000 to supplement the City's current development program. The grant is funded by TxDOT's Rider 42 Appropriations from Proposition 12 General Obligation Bond Proceeds for Bridge, Safety, Connectivity, and Congestion Relief Projects. No local funding match is required to receive the grant from TxDOT. Rider 42 funds are to be used to outsource engineering work for the most congested roadway segments in each of the four most congested regions of the state that are included in the 50 most congested roads in the state as listed in the State's Top 100 Most Congested Roadways list as of January 1, 2011.

This project is managed by the Public Works Department.

Parsons Brinckerhoff Americas, Inc. is located in Austin, TX.