

CIP EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

10/18/12
Austin Water Utility

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 No. CLMP111A, to provide professional services for the Water Distribution Facilities: Recoating, Safety and Security Improvements project with an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Department:	Austin Water Utility
Project Name:	Reservoir Improvements
Fund/Department/Unit:	3960 2207 7247
Funding Source:	Commercial Paper
Current Appropriation:	1,685,076.00
Unencumbered Balance:	1,646,050.11
Amount of This Action:	<u>(1,500,000.00)</u>
Remaining Balance:	<u>146,050.11</u>
 Total Amount of this Action	 <u><u>1,500,000.00</u></u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Austin Water Utility (AWU) has thirty-four (34) steel, and four (4) concrete potable and non-potable water storage tanks in the distribution system. AWU will select one or more of the 38 tanks annually for routine maintenance evaluation and repair as needed. Approximately \$2 million is expended annually for the routine maintenance on these tanks. The selected consultant will provide engineering services for investigations, recommendations, and design and construction phase services needed to perform the construction for these tanks and related pump station improvements. Pump station improvements include piping modifications, valving modifications, coating system replacements, and other improvements necessary to remove existing storage tanks from service while accommodating water system demand and pressure. The investigation, design, and preparation of construction documents will typically occur in the spring of each year so that the construction can be performed in the winter months, when the demand for water is relatively low.

This request allows for the development of a professional services 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.

Participation goals stated in the solicitation were 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE. The recommended and alternate firm provided MBE/WBE Compliance Plans that met the goals of the solicitation and were approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the professional services was sent to 358 firms on May 18, 2012. The RFQ was obtained by 65 firms, and 6 firms submitted qualification statements. None of the firms were certified MBE or WBE firms.