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Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

21083

Agenda Number

20.

Meeting Date:

January 17, 2013

Department:

Contract Management

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of change order # 14 to the construction contract with BRH-GARVER CONSTRUCTION, LP, for Anderson Mill/RR 620 Transmission Main Northwest Zone C36 Project in the amount of \$176,952 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,139,782.86.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

December 16, 2010 - Council authorized contract with BRH-Garver for construction of Anderson Mill /RR 620 Transmission Main Northwest Zone C36 Project.

For More Information:

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Boards and Commission Action:

Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on January 9, 2013.

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 7.88%% MBE and 32.68% WBE subcontractor participation to date including this change order.

Additional Backup Information

The Anderson Mill/Ranch Road 620 Transmission Main Northwest Zone C36 project includes construction of the Northwest Zone C Water Mains No. 1 and No. 2 and valves to regulate water pressure in the area of the former Anderson Mill Municipal Utility District. The improvements are located along State Highways RR 620 and Volente Road (RM 2769) near the intersection of RR 620 and Anderson Mill Road.

There were a considerable number of change orders on this project resulting in a large change to the original contract amount. These changes were primarily due to the modification of the traffic plan required by the TxDOT re-permitting process; unforeseen environmental conditions related to encountering multiple Karst features during construction of the pipelines; and increased scope of work to remove additional trees at the pump station site on the north end of the project. Staff sought to control increases in the contract amount by redesigning portions of the pipeline to allow open cutting trenches in certain areas that were originally designed for boring, as indicated in change orders # 4 and # 5.

Change order # 14 will provide compensation for additional equipment and labor charges incurred by the Contractor during a Texas Department of Transportation re-permitting process. The charges include standby costs incurred by the contractor for trenching and boring operations along RR 620, inefficiencies, and extended general conditions. The charges have been reviewed and substantiated by Public Works engineering staff and change order # 14 includes only charges that were determined to be compensable under the contract.

This project is located within zip codes 78613 and 78726 and is managed by the Public Works Department.

BRH-Garver Construction, LP is located in Houston, Texas.