

CIP EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

2/14/13
WPD / PWD

SUBJECT:

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with KBR/RPS ESPEY JOINT VENTURE for engineering services related to coordination of the Waller Creek Tunnel Program with the Waller Creek Conservancy Design in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Department:	Watershed
Project Name:	Waller Creek Trail Development
Fund/Department/Unit:	4850 6307 9999
Funding Source:	Block 21 Proceeds
Current Appropriation:	1,237,500.00
Unencumbered Balance:	1,189,440.00
Amount of This Action:	<u>(250,000.00)</u>
Remaining Balance:	<u>939,440.00</u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

With the selection of Michael Van Valkenburg and Associates (MVVA) as the winner of the Waller Creek Conservancy Design Competition, the City has an opportunity to coordinate with MVVA to evaluate possibilities for modifying the ongoing Waller Creek Tunnel Program projects to accommodate aspects of the MVVA design. The Public Works Department (PW) proposes to contract with KBR/RPS Espey Joint Venture (JV) to coordinate the Waller Creek Tunnel Program with the Waller Creek Conservancy Design. The Contract Management Department has approved PW's request to exempt this contract from the City's professional services solicitation requirements due to the consultant's demonstrated expertise and in depth knowledge of the existing design and construction project at Waller Creek. The JV is the design engineer for the Waller Creek Tunnel projects and is currently providing construction management services for the ongoing projects and is thus uniquely qualified to evaluate coordination opportunities with their design.

The initial contract with the JV will cover coordination and scoping activities, focused on identifying and describing potential opportunities for modifications. The estimated value of this phase of the contract is \$250,000. If opportunities for changes are identified and approved, PW will amend the JV contract for engineering design services for those changes. The estimated value of the engineering design phase contract is \$750,000, although this amount is subject to significant change based on the results of the preliminary analysis. No subconsultant participation is anticipated for the preliminary phase of the work, although subconsultants may be used for the design phase if modifications are approved.

This project is managed by the Public Works Department.

KBR/RPS Espey Joint Venture is located in Austin, TX.