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Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	25904	Agenda Number	13.
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Meeting Date: August 8, 2013

Department: Contract Management

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with MICHAEL VAN VALKENBURGH ASSOCIATES, INC. for architectural and engineering services for the design of the Sabine Street Promenade Project in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action: March 28, 2013 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation.

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Boards and Commission Action:

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This contract will be awarded in compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program) and City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goal with 31.30% DBE subcontractor participation.

Additional Backup Information

This project consists of the design and construction of a bicycle and pedestrian promenade along Sabine Street between 4th Street and 7th Street. This will be done in accordance with the Waller Creek District Master Plan adopted by Council on June 24, 2010. This project provides bicycle and pedestrian accommodation for users of all abilities and contributes to the creation of a multi-modal connection from the southern portion of the Waller Creek Trail to the existing portion north of 7th Street. Sabine Street is immediately adjacent to the creek in this area.

The Waller Creek Conservancy (WCC) selected MVVA as the consultant for the Waller Creek Project after an extensive international design competition that included a three-stage competitive process. This process resulted in the review of 31 submittals by an expert jury that included City of Austin personnel. The Sabine Street Promenade is immediately adjacent to Waller Creek. Having one consultant design both the street promenade and the creek project will allow maximum coordination and consistency between the two projects. Based on the intensive selection process, efficiencies gained, and the qualifications that led to MVVA's selection as the design firm for the Waller Creek Project, the City of Austin finds that MVVA is the most highly qualified consultant to design the Sabine Street Promenade.

MVVA will provide all services necessary to develop a complete set of construction documents ready to be advertised for bidding. They will also secure all required permits to allow for construction and provide oversight during construction. This project will be designed over the next year and then will be advertised for construction. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2015.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with the recommended firm. Should the City be unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the recommended firm, negotiations with that firm will cease. Staff will then return to Council and request authorization to begin negotiations with an alternate firm.

This project is located within zip code 78701 and is managed by the Public Works Department.

Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates is located in Brooklyn, New York.