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Recommendation for Council Action (CLMD)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

25956

Agenda Number

14.

Meeting Date:

August 29, 2013

Department:

Contract Management

Subject

Authorize the use of the Competitive Sealed Proposal method for improvements related to the J.J. Seabrook Stream Restoration, Rain Garden, and Urban Trail Project in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 2267, Subchapter D.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing
Language:Prior Council
Action:For More
Information:

Kristin Pipkin, 974-3315; Christina Calvery, 974-7094, Lynda Williams, 974-3066; Lacy Kuslo, 974-7141.

Boards and
Commission
Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

The project will consist of restoring 900-linear feet of Tannehill Branch Creek – Tributary 2 within the J. J. Seabrook Greenbelt. The project's stream features include a nested channel with riffle/pool complexes, replacement of a culvert system with a pedestrian bridge and a native riparian landscape within the defined 'Grow Zone'.

In addition to restoring the creek, the project improvements include repurposing the southbound lane of Pershing Drive to an urban trail. Impervious cover not required for the urban trail will be removed. Water quality controls such as rain gardens and a vegetative swale will be constructed along the urban trail to capture and treat runoff from the contributing watershed. Demolition work, curb and gutter and asphalt roadway construction will facilitate a reconfiguration of the existing transportation systems near Pershing and Manor Road.

Due to the specialized nature of this stream restoration project and prior challenges securing experienced contractors using low-bid selection on similar projects, a qualifications-based selection using Competitive Sealed Proposal is recommended to provide the best value to the City.

A Competitive Sealed Proposal is the alternative delivery method most closely related to traditional competitive bidding. The principal difference is that the City makes its selection of the offeror based on evaluation criteria consisting of, but not limited to, safety record and safety practices, comparable relevant project experience, sustainability practices, local business presence, financial stability, and price. Unlike traditional competitive bidding, price is a portion of the overall evaluation score. A city-staffed panel will review, evaluate, and rank proposals based on stated evaluation criteria. The services will be provided by a duly qualified and experienced contractor offering best value to the City.

The project is currently in Design Phase and it is anticipated that construction will begin in February 2014.