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Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council -
Commissioner's Court Meeting

Item ID:

34303

Agenda Number

23.

Meeting Date:

August 7, 2014

Department:

Contract Management

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with BROWN REYNOLDS WATFORD ARCHITECTS, INC., (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP156, to provide architectural and engineering services for the Onion Creek Austin Fire Department/Emergency Medical Services Facility project in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the FY 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Austin Fire Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing
Language:

Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of eight firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.

Prior Council
Action:For More
Information:

Craig Russell 512-974-7157; Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749; Elizabeth Godfrey-Weidig, 512-974-7141

Boards and
Commission
Action:

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 22.90% MBE and 16.00% WBE sub-consultant participation.

Additional Backup Information

The Austin Fire Department's (AFD's) analysis of the response times in the general Onion Creek area shows that the average response time does not meet the performance standards of the AFD, due to the locations of existing stations. AFD has purchased a 2.508-acre site located at 11112 Old San Antonio Road for an AFD/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Station. This station will serve Onion Creek and the surrounding neighborhoods allowing AFD to improve the emergency response times in general.

The selected consultant will provide design services for the construction of an approximately 9,125 square foot, four-bay station which will house three AFD emergency vehicles and one EMS vehicle. The station will include an entry that will also serve as an office, day room, exercise space, kitchen and dining area, six dormitory rooms for fire personnel and two dormitory rooms for EMS personnel, laundry room, bathrooms, storage rooms, and mechanical equipment rooms. Site development includes parking for AFD/EMS personnel, bicycle racks, and an above-ground fuel facility. This station will be designed to achieve a LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Silver rating.

The selected consultant will provide full architectural/engineering services for all phases of the project including design, bid construction, and warranty phases. The selected consultant will be responsible for making presentations to the community in public outreach meetings and to the boards and commissions as required by the site plan permit process.

This authorization provides for funding of professional services related to preliminary, design, bid, construction, and warranty phase services.

This request allows for the development of an agreement with the staff recommended firm or another 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 subgoals stated in the solicitation were 1.90% African American; 9.00% Hispanic; 4.90% Native/Asian American and 15.80% Women-Owned business enterprise (WBE). The recommended firm provided a MBE/WBE Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and was approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department. The alternate firm provided a Minority-Owned business enterprise Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and was approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to 2,382 firms on April 17, 2014. The RFQ was obtained by 132 firms, and eight submitted qualification statements. Four of the firms were certified MBE/WBE firms.

RECOMMENDED FIRM: Brown Reynolds Watford Architects, Inc

ALTERNATE FIRM: Wiginton Hooker Jeffry, P.C. Architects

Brown Reynolds Watford Architects, Inc. is located in College Station, TX
Wiginton Hooker Jeffry, P.C. Architect is located in Austin, TX