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Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	37698	Agenda Number	18.
Meeting Date:	November 20, 2014				
Department:	Contract Management				
Subject					
Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following staff recommended firms or other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP162: HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC., AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC., and ESPEY CONSULTANTS, INC. dba RPS for engineering services for the 2015 Stormwater Modeling and Mapping Rotation List for an estimated period of three years or until financial authorization is expended, with the total amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, divided among the three firms.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Partial funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget and/or Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection Department. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future fiscal years.					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:	Staff recommendations are the most qualified firms out of nine firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.				
Prior Council Action:					
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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 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE participation.				
Additional Backup Information					

The mission of the Watershed Protection Department (WPD) is to reduce the impact of flooding, erosion, and water pollution on our community in order to protect lives, property and the environment. The WPD has identified and anticipates a number of engineering projects or Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for floodplain modeling and mapping and two dimensional modeling services.

Services to be provided include, but are not limited to:

- Development of new geo-referenced hydrologic models (HEC-HMS) for selected watersheds for both existing and fully-developed land-use conditions and selected storm frequencies;
- Development of new geo-referenced hydraulic models (HEC-RAS) for selected watershed for both existing and fully-developed land-use conditions and selected storm frequencies;
- Mapping of the 100-yr and 500-yr floodplains for existing land-use conditions and the 25-yr and 100-yr floodplains for fully-developed land-use conditions;
- Providing independent technical reviews for floodplain modeling and mapping studies;
- Providing technical assistance for review or development of two-dimensional hydraulic models;
- Preparation and submittal of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and responding to FEMA and City review comments until both FEMA and the City accept the study results;
- Preparation and submittal of all deliverables required for a FEMA Physical Map Revision (PMR) and responding to FEMA and City review comments until both FEMA and the City accept the study results; and,
- Preparation and submittal of FEMA Risk MAP products.

The total funding authority for the 2015 Stormwater Modeling and Mapping Rotation List is \$3,000,000 with the authority for each of 3 firms to be approximately \$1,000,000.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the 3 recommended firms for an estimated period of 3 years or until financial authorization is expended. Initial project assignments will be based on the firm's final ranking as determined during the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) evaluation (highest to lowest), the maximum cumulative contracted amount in comparison to the estimated task budget for that firm, and the firm's qualifications and availability of expertise at time of project need. Per firm authorizations may be increased or decreased, through the life of the contract, based on the needs of a particular assignment and will follow the established rotation list policies and procedures. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with a recommended firm(s), if a selected firm ceases practice during the contract period, or if the City elects to terminate its agreement with one of the selected firms, the remaining assignments will be assigned to the remaining firm(s) for the duration of the contract period.

Participation subgoals stated in the solicitation were 1.9% African American; 9.0% Hispanic; 4.9% Native/Asian American; 15.8% WBE. The recommended firms provided MBE /WBE Compliance Plans that met the goals of the solicitation and were 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 166 firms on July 30, 2014. The RFQ was obtained by 102 firms and 9 submitted qualification statements. None of the submitting firms were certified MBE /WBE firms.

RECOMMENDED FIRMS:

HALFF AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.

ESPEY CONSULTANTS, INC. dba RPS

Halff and Associates, Inc., is located in Austin, TX

AECOM Technical Services, Inc., is located in Austin, TX

Espey Consultants, Inc. dba RPS is located in Austin, TX