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Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	41968	Agenda Number	3.
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Meeting Date: April 2, 2015

Department: Contract Management

Subject

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with SMITH CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC. for the 3rd Street Reconstruction Phase 4 – Guadalupe Street to Nueces Street Project in the amount of \$3,895,282.50 plus a \$389,528.25 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,284,810.75.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the amount of \$3,930,587.65 in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department. Funding is available in the amount of \$354,223.10 in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language: Lowest responsive bid of three bids received.

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 2-9A Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program by meeting the goals with 5.72% MBE and 2.56% WBE participation.

Additional Backup Information

The Public Works Department is improving eight blocks of 3rd Street right-of-way from Nueces Street to Trinity Street as part of the 2006 Bond Program. This project is the fourth and final phase of these improvements which will complete the work on and along West 3rd Street from Guadalupe Street to Nueces Street. Area stakeholders have been kept informed throughout the project's design process.

The work includes approximately 1,900 linear feet of concrete and PVC storm drainage pipe and associated appurtenances, 350 linear feet of ductile iron water line and associated appurtenances, full depth street reconstruction, widened sidewalks, street trees, typical Great Streets furnishings, and installation of the Lance Armstrong Bikeway with concrete barrier curbs separating bicycle and vehicle traffic.

The construction schedule for this project has been compressed and an early completion incentive for the contractor has been structured into the contract to expedite completion and minimize the duration of inconvenience to the area stakeholders and the travelling public. Due to the compressed schedule of the project and the greater potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts when working in the downtown right-of-way, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders.

The bid documents included two allowances. One allowance, in the amount of \$50,000.00 was allocated by the City for drilled shaft foundations for the moon tower and the second allowance, in the amount of \$70,000.00 was allocated by the City for the procurement of trees. An allowance is a method of allocating identified construction funds to portions of the work that needs to be completed but that cannot be specified with sufficient accuracy for competitive bidding at the time of the advertising of the solicitation.

The contract allows 365 calendar days for Substantial Completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78701 and is managed by the Public Works Department.

Smith Contracting Company, Inc. is located in Austin, TX.