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Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	45873	Agenda Number	10.
Meeting Date:	June 18, 2015				
Department:	Contract Management				
Subject					
Authorize award and execution of a 12-month construction services contract with PEABODY GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC., for the Meter Upgrades Project for Austin Water in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$900,000.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget of Austin Water.					
Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is attached.					
Purchasing Language:	Lowest responsive bid of three bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.				
Prior Council Action:					
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Boards and Commission Action:	June 10, 2015 -Approved by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 5-0-2 vote with Commissioner Lee and Castleberry off the dais.				
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 6.09% MBE and 89.91% WBE participation.				
Additional Backup Information					

This RCA requests authorization to enter into an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract that will provide the necessary construction services for Austin Water Utility meter upgrades. Various meter locations in the Austin Water service area are in need of upgrade to current City standards. In order to safely test and maintain the meters, some of these locations require replacement of the meter vaults, access hatches, piping or meters to bring them up to current standards. The scope of work to be performed by the contractor under this contract consists of large meter and or vault repair and replacement that is beyond the normal maintenance and repair practices of City crews. This work will be performed under an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity service contract which was bid with numerous bid items to accommodate the anticipated work.

Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contracts provide for an indefinite quantity of services for a fixed time, usually an initial term with extension options. They are used when the City cannot determine, above a specified minimum, the precise quantities of supplies or services that will be required during the contract period. Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contracts help streamline the contract process and speed service delivery while allowing the City flexibility to add projects as needs and priorities arise or change. As each project is defined, a specific work assignment will be given to the contractor who will complete the scope of work for the unit prices included in the contract. Work deadlines will be established for each work assignment.

The base bid was used to identify and determine the lowest responsive bidder and to determine contract unit prices for each bid item. The not to exceed contract amount of \$900,000 is the amount budgeted for this contract and Council authorization will allow Austin Water Utility to issue work assignments up to the budgeted amount within the contract time that is authorized.

Due to the nature of the work and extent of the bid items required to cover a variety of potential unknown site conditions, the total bid prices exceeded the proposed \$300,000 contract budget. As a result, the contract amount does not equal the bid amount provided by the accepted low bidder. The contract documents included an expanded scope of bid items that may be required depending on the various potential site conditions. The expanded scope of bid items will allow Austin Water Utility to apply appropriate repair and maintenance scopes that were competitively bid.

This request allows for the award and execution of a construction contract with the recommended firm for an estimated period of one year with two one-year extensions. The extension options are subject to the mutual agreement of both parties.

Participation sub goals stated in the solicitation were 6.09% MBE and 1.35% WBE. The recommended firm provided a MBE /WBE Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and were approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department.

Notification of issuance of an Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity for the subject services was sent out on March 2, 2015. Three firms submitted bids.

Work performed under this contract will be located entirely within the Austin Water Utility service area and is located in within various zip codes in the Austin area. The projects will be managed by the Austin Water Utility.

RECOMMENDED FIRM: PEABODY GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC.

Peabody General Contractors, Inc. is located in Dripping Springs, Texas