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Recommendation for Council Action (CLMD)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	52031	Agenda Number	10.
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Meeting Date: November 19, 2015

Department: Capital Contracting Office

Subject

Authorize execution of a construction contract with BLASTCO TEXAS, INC., for the Howard Lane # 1 Reservoir Improvements in the amount \$1,959,723 plus a \$195,972.30 contingency and an allowance of \$50,000 in an amount not to exceed \$2,155,695.30.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language: Lowest responsive bid of four bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.

Prior Council Action: N/A

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by Water and Wastewater Commission on November 10, 2015

Related Items:

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A of the City Code Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program through the achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 2.59% MBE and 5.35% WBE participation..

Additional Backup Information

The Howard Lane # 1 Reservoir is a ten million gallon ground storage reservoir for potable water. The tank was built in 1988 and recoated in 2000. This project is part of an annual recoating and safety improvement program for water storage reservoirs.

This contract includes recoating and safety improvements to the Howard Lane # 1 Reservoir and site. Work on this project includes:

- Preparing the surface and coating the interior and exterior portion of the steel reservoir;
- Installing structural and safety improvements, a new cathodic protection system, and new stainless steel roof hatch and handrails; and
- Improving land grading, removing and disposing of grating, refilling a hole in the yard, and performing repairs and restoration to aged equipment.

It is important that the work on this, and like projects, be performed during the fall, winter, or spring months due to the milder weather conditions and low water demand. In addition, the coatings are sensitive to tank wall temperatures and cannot be applied properly in hot temperatures. Therefore, the request is time sensitive in that the work needs to begin and be completed during the cooler months.

The work is expected to be performed inside the Howard Lane # 1 Reservoir property. Austin Water Utility will communicate with the Howard Lane # 1 Reservoir neighbors if the project's impact extends outside the reservoir's property.

The allowance of \$50,000 will be used to address miscellaneous welding needs and is included in the contractors bid. Due to the potential for unanticipated conditions or changes, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. A contingency is an additional amount of money added to the construction budget to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project.

The contract allows for 160 days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78728 (District 7).

Blastco Texas Inc. is located in Houston, TX.