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Recommendation for Council Action (CCO)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

52665

Agenda Number

6.

Meeting Date:

12/17/2015

Department:

Capital Contracting Office

Subject

Authorize the use of the competitive sealed proposal procurement method for solicitation of construction improvements to multiple Austin Fire Department facilities for Women's Locker Room Additions Phase 5 and multiple emergency medical service stations for vehicle bay expansions.

Amount and Source of Funding

A Recommendation for Council Action with the not to exceed contract amount for the resultant contract will be presented to Council once the Competitive Sealed Proposal selection has been completed.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

This request is for Council to authorize the use of the Competitive Sealed Proposal selection method; therefore no solicitation has yet been initiated.

Prior Council Action:

N/A

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Boards and Commission Action:

N/A

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

MBE/WBE goals will be established for this solicitation before issuance.

Additional Backup Information

State statute governs construction procurement for municipalities. The standard method of contracting used for construction services is competitive bidding where the contract is awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. Texas Government Code chapter 2269 allows for methodologies alternate to low-bidding which may provide the best value to the municipality. These alternate methodologies include: Competitive Sealed Proposals, Construction-Manager at Risk, Design-Build, and Job Order Contracting. Texas Local Government Code section 252.022(d) allows the City to adopt and use an alternative method such as Competitive Sealed Proposal under chapter 2269 of the Texas Government Code if such a method provides a better value for the City.

It is recommended that this work be delivered under the Competitive Sealed Proposal method of contracting set forth in state statutes. Competitive Sealed Proposal is the alternative delivery method most closely related to traditional competitive bidding. The principal difference is that the City makes its selection from the respondents based on evaluation criteria consisting of, but is not limited to, safety record and safety practices, comparable relevant project experience, sustainability practices, local business presence, financial stability, and price. Unlike traditional competitive bidding, price is a portion of the overall evaluation score. The resultant contract will come before Council in 2016. The estimated construction budget is \$3,200,000.

This project is part of an ongoing program to provide equal access facilities for women firefighters throughout the City. The project will remodel six existing fire stations to add women's locker rooms at the following locations:

- Fire Station No. 5, 1201 Webberville Road, Austin, TX
- Fire Station No. 7, 201 Chicon Street, Austin, TX
- Fire Station No. 22, 5309 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, TX
- Fire Station No. 24, 5811 Nuckols Crossing Road, Austin, TX
- Fire Station No. 26, 6702 Wentworth Drive, Austin, TX
- Fire Station No. 27, 5401 McCarty Lane, Austin, TX

In addition, this project will remodel three existing Emergency Medical Services stations to provide larger vehicle bays. These Emergency Medical Service stations were constructed in the 1980s and 1990s when ambulances were smaller and fewer paramedics were stationed at them. In 2005, the Emergency Medical Services Department completed a Feasibility Study and cost estimate on expanding the three Emergency Medical Services stations listed below.

- EMS Ambulance Station No. 2, 6601 Manchaca Road, Austin, TX
- EMS Ambulance Station No. 8, 5211 Balcones Drive, Austin, TX
- EMS Ambulance Station No. 11, 5401 McCarty Lane, Austin, TX

The project includes new vehicle emissions exhaust systems and heating, ventilation and air conditioning as needed for each bay; construction of larger vehicle bays at three existing Emergency Medical Services stations which will accommodate the new, larger, ambulances; construction of larger quarters for paramedics; and improve driveway access for ambulances.

This item is not time sensitive, however a delay would mean a delay to the issuance of this Competitive Sealed Proposal solicitation and timely completion of the renovations.