

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (CLMD)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	51216	Agenda Number	10.
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Meeting Date:	November 12, 2015
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Department:	Capital Contracting Office
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**Subject**

Authorize execution of a contract with SJ LOUIS CONSTRUCTION OF TEXAS, LTD. to construct the Harris Branch Interceptor "Lower A" wastewater line in an amount of \$5,163,688.52 plus a \$516,368.85 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,680,057.37.

**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 bid of five bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.
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Prior Council Action:	N/A
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on October 14, 2015.
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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 6.13% MBE and 1.28% WBE participation..
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Related Items:	
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**Additional Backup Information**

This project will decommission the Harris Branch Wastewater Treatment Plant located along Arlington Mill Road. As part of the decommissioning, 7,700 linear feet of 36-inch diameter wastewater line will be installed to redirect the flow currently going to the Harris Branch Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Wild Horse Wastewater Treatment Plant along Blue Bluff Road in Manor, Texas. The decommissioning will eliminate the annual costs associated with its maintenance, monitoring and repair.

The Harris Branch Wastewater treatment plant has reached the end of its life cycle and a delay in the project may result in the continued expense of maintenance and repair. The project is meant to relieve it and prevent possible spills.

This project is being built within easements on privately owned property. The easements were acquired from the property owner. The project team has been in communication with the property owner.

Due to the potential for encountering unknown conditions, 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 365 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78653 (District 1). The project will be managed by the Public Works Department.

SJ Louis Construction of Texas, Ltd. is located in San Antonio, Texas.