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Recommendation for Council Action (CLMD)

Austin City Council

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67340

Agenda Number

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Meeting Date:

February 9, 2017

Department:

Capital Contracting Office

Subject

Authorize ratification of a construction contract with NATIONAL POWER RODDING CORP, for the Waller Creek Tunnel Project for total contract amount not to exceed \$1,703,316.40. (District 9).

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached

Purchasing Language:

Request for Qualifications were due November 8, 2016. The Capital Contracting Office received no responsive submittals.

Prior Council Action:

May 12, 2016 - Council approved the use of the Competitive Sealed Proposal method for solicitation of the Dewatering Project for the Waller Creek Tunnel Project.

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Boards and Commission Action:

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract is exempt from City Code Chapter 2-9A Minority Owned and Woman Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore no subcontracting goals were established.

Additional Backup Information

The requested action is for Council to ratify the contract with National Power Rodding, which has been procured under authority of Section 252.022(a) (2) of the Texas Local Government Code as a procurement necessary to protect or preserve the public health and safety of the citizens of Austin.

The City is currently in the process of completing the Waller Creek Tunnel Project, which will provide critical flood protection to a major downtown watershed. The project consists of the Waller Creek Tunnel, the Inlet at Waterloo Park, the 8th Street Inlet, and the Outlet at Lady Bird Lake component projects. The Watershed Protection Department, in conjunction with the Public Works Department, had planned to dewater the tunnel in February of 2017, in order to inspect the condition of the tunnel, remove accumulated sediment, and perform additional surveying and testing (the "Dewatering Project"). The City must dewater the tunnel to obtain additional survey information to support the Federal Emergency Management Agency Letter of Map Revision process. This survey information is essential in order to modify the floodplain maps and allow development in the current Waller Creek floodplain as envisioned by the Tunnel Project and the Waller Creek Tax Increment Financing District Plan. The Dewatering Project is a critical piece in the commissioning, completion, and acceptance of the Waller Creek Tunnel Project. Due to the pending completion of the component projects and the limited windows of seasonal dry weather in Central Texas, it is critical that the dewatering take place during a period in which testing and warranty inspections can be conducted in an active storm water relief tunnel. The failure to capture the data in February 2017 would delay the Letter of Map Revision process and significantly delay the issuance of amended Federal Emergency Management Agency floodplain maps.

In November 2016, the City performed a Competitive Sealed Proposal solicitation for a multi-year scope of the dewatering work with a first phase to begin in February of 2017 that failed to receive any responsive proposals. Based on the Dewatering Project needing to be performed in early February 2017, in order to coordinate the ultimate transition of this major flood control project to City maintenance and the zero request-for-qualifications proposals responses received in response to the Competitive Sealed Proposal, the City determined this project need constitutes work necessary to preserve and protect the public health and safety of the residents of Austin. As such, the Watershed Protection Department and the Capital Contracting Office contacted several qualified providers of the services in question to perform the Dewatering Project work in February of 2017. The Watershed Protection Department and the Capital Contracting Office conducted a thorough evaluation of price, comparable experience, safety records, available workforce, and ability to meet the proposed schedule, as reasonably determined by the City, and determined the "best value" to the City to be National Power and Rodding Corp.

The City has executed a contract with the qualified contractor, National Power and Rodding Corp, to perform the work.

This project is located within zip code 78701 (District 9). The Watershed Protection Department is managing this project.

National Power Rodding Corp. is located in Austin, Texas.