



TO: Mayor and Council Members

Cc: Elaine Hart, Interim City Manager

From: Robert Goode, P.E., Assistant City Manager

DATE: February 2, 2017

SUBJECT: **2016 Mobility Bond Program: Corridor Consultant Selection**

As you know, we have launched several activities to begin implementation of the 2016 Mobility Bond Program. On November 10th, the Capital Contracting Office released a solicitation for a consultant to assist in the implementation of the \$482 Million Corridor Program (Corridor Consultant), to provide the following services:

- Assist in the development of the Corridor Construction Program as directed by Council's contract with the voters, Resolution #20160818-074.
- Capture best practices and lessons learned for enhancing, improving and accelerating capital project delivery processes to assist staff in meeting the goal of an 8-year delivery timeframe.
- Develop a Communications and Community Outreach Plan for the Corridor Program and assist in its implementation.
- Develop and assist in the implementation of a MBE/WBE Outreach Plan for the Corridor Program.
- Provide other services as needed for the Corridor Program such as staff augmentation, inter-agency coordination and program management assistance during implementation.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2254, municipalities are required to award professional services contracts such as the Corridor Consultant contract "on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services" described in the request for qualifications. The City of Austin through the Capital Contracting Office utilizes its Qualification Based Selection Process to receive, evaluate, and score submittals in accordance with Texas statutes.

The Capital Contracting Office received four submittals in response to the Corridor Consultant request for qualifications. All four firms met the Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise goals and submitted all required documents to be considered for the evaluation phase. An evaluation panel comprised of City executives carefully evaluated and scored the submittals based on a firm's team structure, program approach, experience of key personnel, program experience, major scopes of work experience, experience with Austin issues, and the City's experience with the firm. Based on the scoring results of the evaluation review, formal interviews were conducted with the top two respondents. The firm that received the highest score as a result of this two-phase evaluation process was HDR Engineering.

Based on the demonstrated competence and qualifications evaluation process conducted by staff, we are recommending award to the highest-ranked firm, HDR Engineering.

The Corridor Consultant award recommendation and request for approval is Item 4 on Council's February 9th agenda. After Council consideration and approval of the Corridor Consultant Contract Award, staff will work with the selected team to negotiate and finalize a contract so that the consultant can begin work as soon as possible. We anticipate that a final contract will be in place by March 2017.

At the February 28th work session, we will brief Council on 2016 Bond Program implementation, including a description of each program and their corresponding prioritization processes, priority projects identified for implementation in the first year, and implementation strategy over the 8-year term of the bond program. We will also provide Council with the Communications and Oversight Plan required by resolution to describe the process for informing and engaging Council, Council Mobility Committee and the Bond Oversight Commission during bond program implementation.

Please contact me, Mike Trimble, Corridor Program Implementation Office, or Rolando Fernandez, Capital Contracting Office if you have any questions.

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