

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (CCO)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	72744	Agenda Number	4.
Meeting Date:	August 17, 2017			
Department:	Capital Contracting Office			
Subject				
<p>Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with RS ELLIS, INC/SOUTHWEST CORPORATION for the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Lab and Admin Buildings heating, ventaltation, and air conditioning Upgrades Phase 1 project in the amount of \$2,483,881 plus a \$248,388.10 contingency, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,732,269.10. (District 1)</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget of Austin Water.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
Purchasing Language:	One responsive bid received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.			
Prior Council Action:	N/A			
For More Information:	<p>Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager’s Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@ austintexas.gov.</p> <p>NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749 or Aiden Cohen, 512-974-1929.</p>			
Boards and Commission Action:	<p>July 12, 2017 - Reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a vote of 5-4 with Commissioners Moriarty, Blanding, Ho, and Michel voting against and Commissioner Penn absent.</p>			
Related Items:				
MBE / WBE:	<p>This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievements of</p>			

Good Faith Efforts with 0.23% MBE and 0.05% WBE participation.

Additional Backup Information

The Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning system in the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant's Administration and Laboratory Building was installed in 1974. In 1987, the building underwent a major heating, ventilation, and air conditioning and in 1999, 2008, and 2009 minor component upgrades were done to the system. The heating, ventilation, and air conditioning units are beyond their life expectancy causing regular maintenance.

This request is for the removal and replacement of the current, outdated heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system. The project includes removing and replacing the air handling units and ductwork, adding outside air to meet current indoor air quality code requirements, and installing fire monitoring and fire suppression systems in the building.

This item includes two allowances. An allowance of \$60,000 will be used to provide temporary heating and cooling units for the facility. An additional allowance of \$100,000 will be used for replacing any decayed, rusted, or unused riser piping identified during the course of the work. An allowance is an amount that is specified and included in the construction contract or specifications for a certain item(s) of work whose details are not determined at the time of bidding.

Due to the potential for unknown conditions when working in an operating wastewater treatment facility, 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.

All work on the facility will take place inside the plant's perimeter fence. No public impact is anticipated.

A delay in executing this construction contract will impact much needed replacement of the ineffective Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning system, which could result in additional maintenance costs.

One responsive bid was received for this solicitation. It was communicated to the Capital Contracting Office that vendors declined to submit bids due to the risk and complexity of the project.

The contract allows 240 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78724. (District 1) This project will be managed by the Public Works Department.

RS Ellis, Inc./Southwest Corp. Construction Services, Austin, Texas.

Information on this solicitation is available through the City's Austin Finance Online website. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#).