Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting: May 24, 2018

Item Number: 010

Capital Contracting Office

Authorize additional contingency funding for the competitive sealed proposal agreement with RS Ellis Inc. dba Southwest Corporation, for the Austin Fire Department Locker Room Project Phase 5 and EMS Vehicle Bay Expansion project in the amount of $350,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed $5,006,345. [Note: This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through achievements of Good Faith Efforts. Current participation to date is 3.64% MBE and 0.23% WBE.]

District(s) Affected: District 1, District 2, District 3, District 5, District 8, District 10

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Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of $175,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of the Emergency Medical Services.

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Purchasing Language

Original contract was awarded through the Competitive Sealed Proposal solicitation process.

Prior Council Action

November 3, 2016 - Council approved a Competitive Sealed Proposal Agreement with RS Ellis Inc. dba Southwest Corporation.

For More Information

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager’s Agenda Office, at
NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749, Aiden Cohen, 512-974-1929, or the Project Manager, Craig Russell, 512-974-7157.

Additional Backup Information:

This project includes the remodel of six existing fire stations and three Emergency Medical Services stations (nine stations total). The six fire stations are being remodeled to add women’s locker rooms while the three Emergency Medical Services stations are being remodeled to provide larger vehicle bays. The nine stations included in this project are:

- Fire Station No. 5, 1201 Webberville Rd, (District 10)
- Fire Station No. 7, 201 Chicon St. (District 3)
- Fire Station No. 22, 5309 E. Riverside Dr. (District 3)
- Fire Station No. 24, 5811 Nuckols Crossing Rd. (District 2)
- Fire Station No. 26, 6702 Wentworth Dr. (District 1)
- Fire Station No. 27 and Emergency Medical Services Station No. 11, 5401 McCarty Lane (District 8)
- Emergency Medical Services Station No. 2, 6601 Manchaca Road (District 5)
- Emergency Medical Services Station No. 8, 5211 Balcones Drive (District 10)

To date, Fire Stations #5, #7, and #22 are substantially complete. Fire Stations #24 and #26 will be substantially completed by the end of May. EMS Stations #2 and #8 are currently under construction.

All project locations were previously permitted as site plan corrections. During the permit review it was determined that a new, full site plan is required for Fire Station No. 27 and Emergency Medical Services Station No. 11 in order to retroactively comply with the Save Our Springs Ordinance 920903-D. This additional authorization will fund a future change order for the needed construction modifications that will bring the site into compliance.

This additional authorization will allow the execution of future change orders in a timely manner so as not to impact the assignment of female fire fighters to this fire station, and prolong construction of needed improvements at the Emergency Medical Services station.

This additional authorization has been approved by the City’s Change Control Committee. The
Change Control Committee was established to comply with Council Resolution No. 20120126-048, which required the establishment of consistent criteria and process to evaluate contractual changes for all contracts administered by the Capital Contracting Office. The Change Control Committee is comprised of management-level subject matter experts.

The contract allows for an additional 42 calendar days for this project. This project is located within zip codes 78721, 78702, 78741, 78744, 78724, 78749, 78745, and 78731 (Districts #1, 2, 3, 5, 8, and 10).

RS Ellis Inc. dba Southwest Corporation is located in Austin, Texas.