Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting: September 20, 2018  Item Number: 007

Capital Contracting Office

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Black & Veatch Corporation (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP245 to provide engineering services for the McNeil Road Water Transmission Main Project in an amount not to exceed $3,800,000. [Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 18.00% MBE and 22.00% WBE participation.]

District(s) Affected: District 6

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Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Purchasing Language

Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of five firms evaluated through the City’s qualification-based selection process.

For More Information

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager’s Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov.

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, Eric Bailey, 512-974-7713.
Additional Backup Information:

The 84-inch diameter Jollyville Transmission Main conveys water from Water Treatment Plant 4 to Jollyville Reservoir, which supplies water to the Northwest A, Northwest B, and Northwest C pressure zones. The McNeil Transmission Main Project will connect Water Treatment Plant 4 across the Northwest A zone to the Martin Hill Reservoir, which acts as terminal storage for the zone and supplies water to the Howard Lane pump station facility.

The selected firm will design and construct a 72-inch diameter water main from Jollyville Reservoir to the intersection of McNeil Road and Parmer Lane to eliminate a distribution system bottleneck and move water from Water Treatment Plant 4 to the Martin Hill Reservoir. After completion of a preliminary engineering report recommending improvements, the selected firm will provide design, bidding, construction, and warranty phases services for the transmission main improvements needed to serve the area.

This authorization provides for funding the above listed services. This request allows for the development of an agreement with the qualified responder that Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected responder, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that Council may select another qualified responder and authorize contract negotiations with that provider.

**TOP RANKED FIRM:** Black & Veatch Corporation is located in Austin, Texas

**SECOND RANKED FIRM:** BGE, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas

Information on this solicitation is available through the City’s Austin Finance Online website. Link: Solicitation Documents <https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=125354>.