



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 18-4044, Agenda Item #: 4.**

1/31/2019

### **Posting Language**

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Austin Underground, Inc. (MBE), for Exposition Boulevard from West 35<sup>th</sup> Street to Enfield Road Water and Wastewater Pipeline Renewal Project in the amount of \$3,255,398 plus a \$325,539.80 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,580,937.80.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 98.37% MBE and 1.61% WBE participation.]

### **Lead Department**

Austin Water

### **Managing Department(s)**

Public Works Department

### **Fiscal Note**

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

### **Purchasing Language:**

Lowest responsive bid of seven bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.

### **For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto: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, Larry Mendez, 512-974-7124.

### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

January 9, 2019 - Approved by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a vote of 8-0 with Vice Chair Lee recusing due to a potential conflict of interest.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The water and wastewater infrastructure and appurtenances included in this project have been identified as deteriorating and aging and in need of replacement as part of the Renewing Austin Program and the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Program. The water line infrastructure being replaced has a well-documented history of breaks in the area.

This project replaces the existing water and wastewater mains to prevent future water main breaks and wastewater overflows. The project is necessary to reduce further expenditures from the Operating and Maintenance budget to prevent water main breaks and frequent overflows. The work consists of removing and replacing existing water and wastewater mains on Exposition Boulevard from West 35<sup>th</sup> Street to Enfield Road. The water line work will remove approximately 7,897 linear feet of existing cast iron pipe and replace it with 6-, 8- and 12-inch diameter PVC C-900 pipe

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including services; the wastewater work will remove approximately 885 linear feet of 8-inch diameter concrete pipe and replace with 8-inch diameter PVC SDR-26 pipe; and install new wastewater manholes and service connections. Also included is street restoration consisting of a full street width mill and overlay within the limits of construction.

Notice has been delivered to residences and businesses of the upcoming project. A neighborhood outreach meeting was held in October 2018, where maps and construction details were provided. A second meeting will be scheduled to "Meet the Contractor" after City Council award. Delaying execution of this contract could place a continued burden on the Operation and Maintenance budget as costs will be incurred for interim maintenance.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts, 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.

The contract allows 450 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78703 (District 10). The project will be managed by the Public Works Department.

Austin Underground, Inc. (MBE/MH) is located in Lago Vista, 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=125611>](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=125611)