



**Construction Contract
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Approve execution of a construction contract with SALAS CONSTRUCTORS, INC. (MBE/MH: 83.94%), Buda, TX for construction of the Endangered Species Research Facility in the amount of \$228,457.00 for federally required conservation activities.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$228,457.00 is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Capital and Operating Budgets of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Watershed Protection and **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: Development Review **AUTHORIZATION:** Joe Pantalion

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Kosut, 974-3374; Martha Vincent, 974-3371

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: 0% MBE and 13.04% WBE subcontractor participation.

The City of Austin operates a swimming pool at Barton Springs. The springs are home to the endangered Barton Springs salamander. Under the 10-A permit issued to the City of Austin by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to operate a swimming pool at the habitat of an endangered species, the City of Austin must, among other requirements, maintain a captive Barton Springs salamander breeding program.

The proposed Endangered Species Research Facility will provide a location for the propagation of the Barton Springs salamander. The facility will be located at the Austin Nature and Science Center. The Center is an ideal site for the facility as it is located near the springs and has an existing well system providing water similar to Barton Springs water. Locating the facility at the Austin Nature and Science Center also furthers the Center's missions of wildlife protection and education.

The Endangered Species Research Facility is to be constructed in six months. The project was advertised for bids on January 19 and 26 and February 2, 2004. Bids were opened February 12, 2004. Eight bids were received. One additional non-responsive bid was received. The base bid amounts are listed below.

Salas Contractors, Inc., Buda, Texas	\$221,957.00
Prism Development, Inc., Austin, Texas	231,325.00
Southwest Corporation, Austin, Texas	269,686.00
MAC, Inc., Austin, Texas	279,660.00



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Jordan-Whitfield, Inc., Austin, Texas	298,000.00
The Barr Co., Austin, Texas	305,000.00
Barecky Construction Co., Wimberly, Texas	307,847.00
Brath, Inc.	367,000.00
G. Creek, Inc.	Non-responsive

The recommended award to Salas Contractors, Inc. includes the base bid and award of Bid Alternate three (a portable generator system for emergency power) at \$6500.00 for a total award amount of \$228,457.00. The City's project consulting architect, having reviewed the bid costs and being familiar with the work of Salas Contractors, Inc., recommends award of the contract to the firm.

The contractor's business methodology provides for four areas of subcontracting/material supply/services: photography, erosion/sedimentation controls and tree protection, masonry and mechanical. Participation goals stated in the solicitation were 18.17% MBE and 6.70% WBE. **Total participation estimated on base bid amount of \$221,957.00:**

<u>MBE/MH TOTAL-PRIME</u>	<u>\$ 186,293.65</u>	<u>83.94%</u>
SALAS CONSTRUCTORS, INC., AUSTIN, TX	\$ 186,293.65	83.94%
 <u>MBE TOTAL-SUBCONTRACTORS</u>	 <u>\$ 0.00</u>	 <u>0.00%</u>
 <u>WBE TOTAL-SUBCONTRACTORS</u>	 <u>\$ 28,962.85</u>	 <u>13.04%</u>
(FH) White Photographic Services, Dripping Springs, TX (photography)	\$ 1,625.00	0.73%
(FH) ABC Erosion Control, Leander, TX (environmental controls)	\$ 718.00	0.32%
Custom Rock Works, Austin, TX (masonry)	\$ 26,619.85	11.99%
 <u>NON M/WBE TOTAL-SUBCONTRACTORS</u>	 <u>\$ 6,700.00</u>	 <u>3.02%</u>
Climate Control, Austin, TX (mechanical)	\$ 6,700.00	3.02%

The contractor submitted a M/WBE Compliance Plan that achieved the MBE/WBE goals which was approved by the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources.

CIP BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

15-Apr-04

WHERE ON AGENDA:

DEPARTMENT:

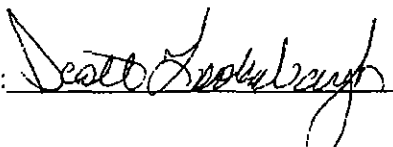
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Endangered Species Research Facility
Project Authorization:	2003-2004 Amended Capital Budget
Funding Source:	Drainage Utility Fund
Fund/Agency/Orgn:	4850-617-9525

Total Current Appropriation	\$254,000.00
Unencumbered Balance	\$203,681.00
Amount of this Action	<u>(\$200,000.00)</u>
Remaining Balance	<u><u>\$3,681.00</u></u>

Financial Approval:  Date: 4/7/04