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Public Works

ITEM No. 13

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with each of the following four firms: FREESE and NICHOLS, INC., Austin, TX, and H R GRAY, Austin, TX, for the Quality Assurance/Quality Control and Constructability Review Services Rotation List (2006-2009) for various Capital Improvement projects in the right-of-way, and FREESE and NICHOLS, INC., Austin, TX, and SUNLAND GROUP, Austin, TX, for the Quality Assurance/Quality Control and constructability Review Services Rotation List (2006-2009) for various site specific capital improvement projects. The maximum not to exceed amount of the agreements is \$400,000. The rotation lists are for a period of three years or until financial authorization is expended.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Arthur Barrow 974-7002; Felix Benavides 974-7027; Laura Bohl 974-7064

Purchasing Language: Best two qualification statements of six statements received for the Site Specific Quality Assurance/Quality Control and Constructability Review Rotation List. Best two qualification statements of seven statements received for the Right-of-Way Quality Assurance/Quality Control and Constructability Review Rotation List.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore no goals were established for this solicitation.

Additional Backup Material

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EVALUATION MATRIX

The City desires to establish two consultant rotation lists, each with up to two firms, to provide quality assurance - quality control / constructability review services as needed for various City of Austin municipal engineering and architectural projects. One list is for site-specific projects, the other for projects in the right-of-way.

It is intended that the work assigned to each of the four selected firms be approximately equal to \$100,000 each, varying with the amount of work needed for each work assignment. The not-to-exceed total amount for each of the rotation lists is \$200,000 (\$400,000 total). The selected consultants will perform the following services: evaluate design deliverables at specified intervals for technical quality and constructability, and provide reports to City staff and the project designer; review bidding documents for technical and procedural compliance, evaluate the project designer's conformance with their own QA-QC/C program, assess the design firm's compliance with the terms of the professional services agreement with City, and ensure that project design is consistent with the project scope. The consultants will also review internal quality processes as assigned and submit a timeline for review and submittal of a report.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with each of the four recommended firms. Each firm will be compensated under a standing contract for varying amounts depending on a rotation job assignment. It is intended that the value of the work assigned to each firm will be approximately equal (\$100,000 each), varying with the amount of work needed for each job assignment. Should the City be unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with any one of the recommended firms, negotiations will cease with that firm and the funding will be distributed to the remaining recommended firm for that rotation list.

Due to the limited subcontracting opportunities on these projects, no MBE/WBE participation goals were established by the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources for this rotation list. Even though no goals have been established for this solicitation, the respondents are required to comply with the City's MBE/WBE Procurement Program, if areas of subcontracting are identified.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to 366 firms on May 4, 2006. The RFQ was obtained by 39 firms. Seven firms submitted qualification statements for the right-of-way rotation list and six firms submitted qualification statements for the site specific rotation list. One of the firms was a certified M/WBE firm. Review of the 13 firms results in the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDED FIRMS FOR SITE SPECIFIC PROJECTS.

FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC., AUSTIN, TX SUNLAND GROUP, AUSTIN, TX

RECOMMENDED FIRMS FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PROJECTS.

FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC., AUSTIN, TX H.R. GRAY, AUSTIN, TX

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Evaluation of Consultant Qualifications**

Received:

June 5, 2006

Project

Quality Assurance - Quality Control and Constructability Review,
Services Rotation List 2006-2009 (Site Specific)

EVALUATION MATRIX

Project Manager

Arthur Barrow

Firm (or Joint Venture)	Item 1 [Yes or No] M/WBE Goals met or G F E	Item 2 [Yes or No] Prime Firms EEO Program	Item 3 [24] Experience of Project Manager (16) / Principal (8)	Item 4 [15] Experience and Availability of Proposed Staff	Item 5 [15 w/subs] [30 w/o subs] Prime Firms of Comparable Project Experience	Item 6 [15 w/subs] [0 w/o subs] Subconsultant Firms' Comparable Project Experience	Item 7 [8] Team's Experience with Austin Issues	Item 8 [12] Team's Structure and Project Approach	Item 9 [11] COA Experience with Prime	Item 10 [100] SUB TOTAL	Optional Interview [25]	TOTAL POINTS [125]
Freese and Nichols, Inc.	No Goals	Yes	21 00	12 00	25 25	0 00	7 00	8 75	11 00	85 00		85 00
Sunland Group	No Goals	Yes	19 75	11 25	25 50	0 00	6 00	10 75	11 00	84 25		84 25
H R Gray	No Goals	Yes	18 25	12 25	13 25	12 25	6 75	10 00	11 00	83 75		83 75
ASD Consultants, Inc.	No Goals	Yes	18 00	13 00	11 50	11 75	7 00	10 50	11 00	82 75		82 75
MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.	No Goals	Yes	19 00	10 50	12 00	12 25	5 75	8 50	11 00	79 00		79 00
Corrosion Probe, Inc.	No Goals	Yes	16 50	9 75	18 00	0 00	3 75	6 50	11 00	65 50		65 50

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Project:

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Services Rotation List 2006-2009 (ROW)

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Freese and Nichols, Inc	No Goals	Yes	20.00	12.50	25.25	0.00	7.25	8.50	11.00	84.50		84.50
H R Gray	No Goals	Yes	17.75	12.25	12.75	11.00	6.63	9.50	11.00	80.88		80.88
Sunland Group LJA Engineering & Surveying, Inc	No Goals	Yes	16.50	11.00	23.25	0.00	6.50	8.75	11.00	77.00		77.00
Dispute Management Group, LLC	No Goals	Yes	16.75	12.25	19.75	0.00	5.50	8.25	11.00	73.50		73.50
David Allen Consulting Engineers, Inc	No Goals	Yes	18.00	9.75	21.00	0.00	4.75	7.50	11.00	72.00		72.00
ASD Consultants, Inc	No Goals	Yes	16.25	10.75	17.25	0.00	6.00	6.25	11.00	67.50		67.50
	No Goals	Yes	12.00	9.25	8.75	11.25	5.75	6.00	11.00	64.00		64.00