

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 25

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with KLEINFELDER CENTRAL, INC., Austin, TX, for professional engineering services for the Reservoir Recoating and Safety Improvements Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Joe B. Smith 972-0231; Rosie Truelove 974-3064; April Thedford 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Best qualification statement of six (6) statements received.

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) by meeting the goals with 7.14 % MBE and 3.94 % WBE subcontractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

The City of Austin has approximately thirty-four (34) steel, and four (4) concrete potable water storage reservoirs in the water system. The City will select one or more of the 38 tanks every year for evaluation and repair as needed.

The selected firm will provide investigations, recommendations, and design and construction phase services needed to perform the construction for these reservoir improvements. The investigation, design and preparation of construction documents will be done in the spring of each year so that the construction can be done in the winter months, when the demand for water is relatively low.

This request allows for the development of a professional service agreement with the recommended firm. Should the City be unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the recommended firm, negotiations will cease with that firm. Staff will then return to Council and request authorization to begin negotiations with the alternate recommendation listed below.

Recommended Firm: Kleinfelder Central, Inc Alternate Firm: Thonhoff Consulting Engineers