Thursday, April 29, 2010

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 21

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with TRCU, LTD., Houston, TX, for the South IH-35 Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Program, Segment 20.1 & 21, William Cannon from McKinney Falls to Pilot Knob, 48-Inch Water Main in the amount of \$2,295,724.05, plus a \$115,000.00 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,410,724.05.

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.

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Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of seven (7) bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 1.92% MBE and 2.12% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

This project is part of the South IH-35 Water and Wastewater Improvements Program that will provide water and wastewater service to the southeast Austin area as part of Austin Water Utility's long-range plan. Segments 20.1 and 21 start at the intersection of William Cannon Drive and McKinney Falls Parkway and extend east along the future extension of William Cannon Drive to a point just south of the Pilot Knob Reservoir Site. The alignment then proceeds north approximately 1,000 feet to the southeast corner of the Pilot Knob Reservoir Site.

This project will include the installation of 6,500 linear feet of 48-inch diameter water pipe at depths varying from 10-15 feet installed via open-cut trench. The project will also include various water line appurtenances and restoration of vegetation affected by the construction effort.

The project is generally located between the intersection of William Cannon Drive and McKinney Falls Parkway and the Pilot Knob Reservoir Site and is within the 78744 zip code. A 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. The contract allows 220 calendar days for completion of this project.