## Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 20

**Subject:** Authorize execution of a construction contract with AUSTIN ENGINEERING CO., INC., Austin, TX for the South IH-35 Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Program - Segment 7, From the Proposed South Zone Reservoir to FM 1327, 42-Inch Water Main in the amount of \$1,292,829 plus a \$129,282 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,422,111.

**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:** George Jackson P.E., 974-7197; Joe Hoepken P.E., 974-1171; Susan Garnett 974-7065; April Thedford 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of nine (9) 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) by meeting the goals with 8.18% MBE and 3.95% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

This project is part of the South IH-35 Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Program that will provide service to the southeast Austin area as part of Austin Water Utility's long-range plan. Segment 7 starts at the proposed South Zone Reservoir, approximately 5,300 linear feet north of FM 1327, and extends 2,300 linear feet south to FM 1327 along the west side of IH-35.

This project will include installation of 2,300 linear feet of 42-inch diameter water pipe at depths varying from 10 to 15 feet installed by bore and open-cut trench. The project will also include various water line appurtenances and the restoration of vegetation affected by the construction effort.

A 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders associated with the connection to the proposed elevated storage tank. The contract allows 220 calendar days for completion of this project. The project is generally located in the 78652 zip code.