Thursday, May 27, 2010

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 10

Subject: Authorize execution of Work Authorization Amendment No. 1 to the Construction Manager at Risk (CM@R) contract with MWH CONSTRUCTORS, INC., Broomfield, CO, for a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$7,503,114 for Work Package No. 3A – Early Out Equipment for Construction of Water Treatment Plant No. 4 (WTP 4).

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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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). No subcontracting opportunities were identified for the equipment packages; therefore, no goals were established for this particular amendment only (project specific goals have been set for Preconstruction Phase Services and will be set for future construction packages released for this project).

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

Prior Council Action: August 6, 2009 - Council approved to negotiate and execute CM@R Agreement with MWH CONSTRUCTORS, INC. for Water Treatment Plant No. 4.

PROJECT BACKGROUND: The objective of this project is to provide a municipal water treatment facility for the City of Austin. The work to be performed consists of construction of a new water treatment plant facility including the intake, plant, pump stations and conveyance for both raw and finished water.

GMP 3A OVERVIEW: As part of the Preconstruction Phase Services and in preparation for Construction, MWH CONSTRUCTORS, INC., (CM@R on the Water Treatment Plant 4) has solicited and received bids for major equipment packages including upflow solids clarifier, washwater recycling equipment, centrifuge equipment, carbon dioxide system, and filter equipment. GMP 3A represents procurement of key pieces of major equipment associated with the Water Treatment Plant. These items have been broken out early in order to take advantage of a favorable bidding climate and to assure adequate time to manufacture and deliver long lead equipment.

The five packages for major equipment were competitively bid based on 100% complete Plans and Specifications. The Request for Quotations (RFQ) was issued by MWH on February 19 and bids were opened on March 25, 2010. The RFQ packages were advertised in the Austin American Statesman on February 19 and March 1, 2010. The ads stated that Plans and Specifications were available free of charge at www.isqft.com, McGraw-Hill Dodge Planroom, COA SMBR Planroom, and scores of interested parties registered to view or download one or more of the bid packages. Bids were opened in the presence of representatives of MWH, Carollo Engineers, and the City of Austin.

This RCA is for authorization to execute Work Authorization Amendment No. 1 for GMP 3A – Early Out Equipment. The 3A Work Package does not include installation of the equipment or any other scopes of work or services. Small and Minority Business Resources Department (SMBR) determined that no subcontracting opportunities existed; therefore, no goals were established for this particular amendment.

Staff will return to Council with recommended amendments for each of the remaining Work Packages for the construction of the WTP 4 project. Staff anticipates bringing Work Authorization Amendment No. 2 for GMP 3B – Early Out Site Excavation & Clearwell & Clarifier CSM for Council consideration on June 10, 2010. This amendment will include MBE/WBE goals and subcontractor participation percentages for each work package, as these packages provided for MBE/WBE opportunities. The 3B Work Package consists of site work/structural excavation for three geographical areas of the plant along with the construction of Clearwells 1 and 2 and Upflow Clarifiers 1 and 2.

The compliance plan submitted by MWH exceeded the overall goals in the CM@R solicitation with 21.39% MBE and 5.17% WBE subcontractor participation for preconstruction phase services.